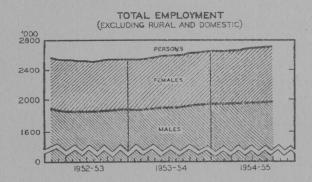
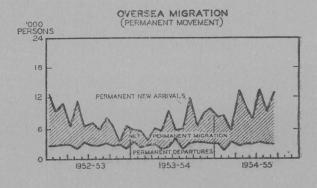
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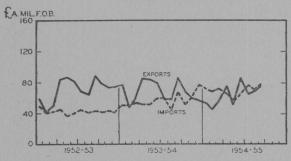
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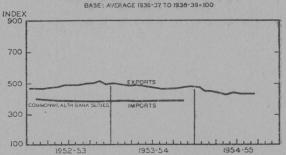


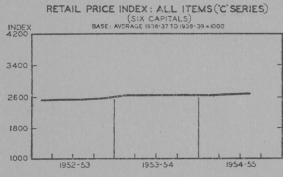


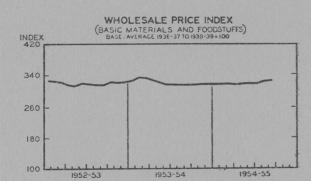


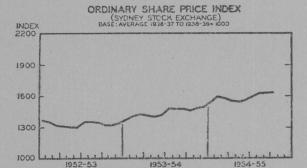


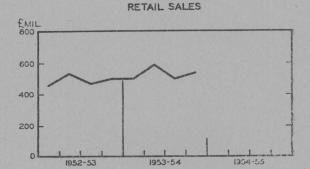












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### INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

		Total	Çivil Empl	oyment	Average		Overse	a Trade		
Period.			of Month (F Household (a)	Excluding Domestic).	Weekly Wage Earnings(b) Index	Internal Trade.	only-Va	handise dues f.o.b. hipment).	Building Permits(d) Six Capita	New Houses Com-
		Males.	Females.	Total.	(Base: 1945–46= 1,000).	Whole-sale.(c)	Imports.	Exports.	Cities and Suburbs.	pleted.(e)
Monthly		'000.	'000.	'000.		£m.	£m.	£m.	£'000.	No.
Average—  1932–33  1936–37  1937–38  1938–39  1947–48  1948–49  1949–50  1950–51  1951–52  1952–53  1953–54  Monthly Total—		(f)992 n.a. n.a. (g)1,293 1,693 1,757 1,810 1,882 1,915 1,876 1,914	(f)341 n.a. n.a. (g)437 635 656 675 707 709 670 695	(f)1,333 n.a. n.a. (g)1,730 2,328 2,413 2,485 2,589 2,624 2,546 2,609	n.a. n.a. n.a. 1,164 1,322 1,451 1,742 2,145 2,350 2,462	29.1 37.2 40.5 39.8 79.5 93.4 110.2 140.5 162.1 158.1 179.5	5.5 8.6 10.6 9.4 28.2 34.5 44.7 61.8 87.5 42.5 56.5	8.2 12.3 11.7 10.1 33.7 45.1 51.0 81.6 55.4 70.7	565 1,986 2,307 2,353 4,687 5,577 7,129 10,426 9,700 10,045 12,357	n.a. n.a. n.a. (h)10,876 (h)12,835 (h)13,873 16,895 19,494 19,332 18,727
1952–53— April May June 1953–54—	• •	1,883 1,885 1,887	676 675 674	2,559 2,560 2,561	2,377	164.4 170.4 171.4	43.3 44.2 41.9	79.1 72.7 74.0	10,293 11,685 12,978	} 18,314
July August September October November December January February March April May June		1,882 1,886 1,890 1,898 1,907 1,911 1,912 1,921 1,931 1,936 1,942 1,948	676 678 682 686 694 701 698 701 708 708 707	2,558 2,564 2,572 2,584 2,601 2,612 2,610 2,622 2,639 2,644 2,649 2,656	\begin{align*} 2,445 \\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	169.3 161.6 189.0 188.5 195.1 193.2 146.8 162.7 184.7 182.4 183.0 198.5	52.0 52.2 53.1 50.5 50.7 58.7 60.4 45.8 66.9 52.1 60.1 76.0	76.4 48.4 59.3 85.8 84.8 78.2 58.0 57.4 85.2 65.3 57.8 55.1	13,209 12,341 12,570 11,738 11,884 10,235 8,941 11,607 13,753 13,622 12,904 15,489	} 18,408 } 20,871 } 16,821 } 18,806
July August September October November December January February March		1,947 1,949 1,953 1,955 1,965 1,969 1,969 1,977 1,986	709 711 715 719 727 732 724 733 738	2,656 2,660 2,668 2,674 2,692 2,701 2,693 2,710 2,724	\begin{cases} 2,522\{ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \	187.0 198.1 209.9 206.0 215.1 212.8 165.0	70.3 66.7 70.3 64.6 54.7 64.4 76.0 69.8 77.6	51.9 43.8 54.7 72.8 50.7 84.8 63.9 67.6 77.2	18,403 17,646 20,078 16,795 20,495 14,174 13,976 17,399	} 18,996 } 20,757 }p18,634

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad, National Service Trainees in camp and, in 1932–33, Government "relief" workers. Figures from 1947–48 subject to revision. (b) Seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Net sales recorded under Sales Tax Acts. (d) All building operations for which permits granted by local government authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see note (a) page 31). (e) Including owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. (f) June, 1933; obtained from Census. (g) July, 1939; obtained from National Register (h) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

### INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Production of Black	Total Electricity	Produc- tion of Ingot	Registe (Excludin	or Vehicles ered (a) ag Defence Vehicles).	Govern- ment Railways:	P.M.G.'s Depart- ment		ading Banks. b)	to Cus-
	Coal.	Generated.	Steel.	Motor Cars.	Com- mercial Vehicles.	Gross Revenue.	Cash Receipts.	Deposits.	Advances.	tomers' Accounts (Weekly Averages).
Monthly Average— 1932–33 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	'000 tons. 732 977 990 1,051	Million kWh 225 331 363 391	'000 tons. 32.7 90.0 97.2 97.5	'000. 1.0 4.0 4.6 4.5	2.3	£'000. (c) 3,017 (c) 3,407 (c) 3,632 (c) 3,580	£'000. 1,053 1,318 1,396 1,447	£m. 269.9 297.6 314.8 317.7	£m.  231.0 262.5 274.4 288.1	£m. n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a.
1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53	1,231 1,244 1,243 1,369 1,598 1,546 p1,618	697 754 792 875 941 1,024 p1,135	112.1 98.2 101.5 120.3 126.8 150.1 p177.5	3.6 5.5 9.6 10.6 10.4 7.7 10.4	2.4 3.1 4.8 6.5 6.1 4.4 4.8	6,376 7,174 7,702 8,834 11,668 12,892 14,198	2,616 2,776 3,196 3,732 4,948 5,371 5,650	673.5 776.4 910.1 1,144.2 1,201.7 1,162.4 1,275.5	329.9 368.8 403.9 479.3 621.4 638.1 658.5	175.9 212.8 271.1 372.9 402.4 389.3 446.5
Monthly Total— 1952–53— April May June	1,404 1,382 1,429	1,017 1,121 1,160	156.9 170.3 171.7	7.5 7.9 7.4	4.6 4.9 4.9	13,195 13,085 13,486	5,275 5,433 5,675	1,283.5 1,252.2 1,239.0	592.5 597.6 601.8	402.1 408.4 409.8
July August September October November December January February March April	p 1,822 1,707 1,753 1,737 1,669 1,305 1,166 1,460 1,817 1,544	P 1,195 1,155 1,109 1,125 1,085 1,062 1,036 1,020 1,181 1,126	188.4 186.9 171.0 187.8 181.7 167.1 180.4 151.7 178.6 177.1	9.6 8.5 10.5 10.7 10.5 11.2 8.4 8.6 11.7 11.3	5.5 4.7 4.8 4.7 4.9 5.1 3.6 3.8 5.3 4.9	14,062 13,947 14,387 14,685 14,194 14,130 13,599 12,233 14,764 13,772	5,438 5,116 5,613 5,837 5,487 6,409 5,130 5,049 6,247 5,587	1,204.0 1,181.3 1,191.7 1,210.0 1,250.9 1,290.0 1,303.8 1,337.1 1,363.0 1,354.9	616.9 619.9 630.8 654.6 664.1 665.0 654.1 656.0 664.3 684.7	418.8 373.0 413.8 425.5 438.6 493.7 405.1 438.7 489.3 449.8
May June	1,720 1,720	1,246 1,282	187.2 176.0	11.7	5.2 5.3	14.686 15,922	5,779 6,106	1,323.3 1,305.0	695.4 701.7	490.6 500.0
July August September October November December January February March	1,760 1,746 1,831 1,726 1,780 1,478 r904 r1,563 1,638	1,359 1,321 1,255 1,243 1,212 1,189 1,162 1,164 1,310	202.4 193.2 197.3 200.9 189.5 189.2 173.6 156.3 182.2	13.4 15.9 13.8 13.6 13.6 13.4 8.1 r12.7 p15.6 p14.0	r5.7 6.0 6.3 5.8 6.2 5.7 3.8 r4.8 p5.8 p5.2	14,456 15,123 15,375 15,304 15,856 15,786 13,082	5,657 5,558 5,903 5,929 6,397 7,038 5,160 5,927 6,619 5,769	1,271.7 1,256.7 1,260.3 1,285.9 1,299.3 1,317.7 1,334.8 1,356.2 1,364.3 1,345.3	724.9 738.8 757.1 780.1 786.2 785.7 769.8 772.9 775.9 795.8	471.3 443.4 472.7 497.6 483.4 511.0 463.7 504.9 501.9 485.1

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938–39.

(b) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays.

For meaning of symbols, n.a., r, p, ——, see page 1.

### POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS: AUSTRALIA.

							The second of the second of the second of the second
Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)	Population at end of Period.
Quarterly Average—  1936–37  1937–38  1938–39  1947–48  1948–49  1949–50  1950–51  1951–52  1952–53  1953–54	15,529 15,279 19,008 18,498 18,558 19,211 18,896 17,870	29.634 29,924 30,636 44,252 44,149 47,048 48,114 49,228 50,739 50,400	16,129 16,170 17,023 18,876 19,041 19,001 19,896 20,661 20,023 20,390	13,505 13,754 13,613 25,376 25,108 28,047 28,218 28,567 30,716 30,010	496 1,676 3,339 7,341 25,287 40,387 33,244 25,720 14,516 13,263	14,291 15,751 17,303 32,358 49,839 67,674 60,784 53,684 44,838 42,803	6,835,536 6,898,541 6,967,754 d 7,708,790 d 7,908,143 d 8,178,839 d 8,421,974 d 8,636,711 d 8,815,660 e 8,986,873
Quarterly Total—  1951-52—  September Qtr  December ,,  March ,,  June ,,  1952-53—	20,487	49,681 47,580 50,404 49,248	24,114 20,352 18,228 19,949	25,567 27,228 32,176 29,299	23,487 31,062 27,698 20,632	48,512 57,643 59,209 49,373	d 8,470,486 d 8,528,129 d 8,587,338 d 8,636,711
September ,, . December ,, . March ,, . June ,, .	20,004	50,896 51,102 51,469 49,489	23,878 19,542 17,142 19,532	27,018 31,560 34,327 29,957	24,883 20,819 8,632 3,730	51,328 51,808 42,492 33,321	d 8,688,039 d 8,739,847 d 8,782,339 d 8,815,660
September ,, .  December ,, .  March ,, .  June ,, .	19,631 17,868	50,517 50,760 49,709 50,613	23,289 20,225 17,367 20,677	27,228 30,535 32,342 29,936	12,175	37,158 50,190 44,031 39,834	d 8,852,818 d 8,903,008 d 8,947,039 e 8,986,873
September ,, December ,,	10 664	50,772 51,162	24,670 19,091	26,102 32,071	16,809 28,883	42,911 60,954	9,029,784 9,090,738

(a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and adjustments of population between July, 1933 and June, 1954, on the basis of Census results. (d) Adjusted in accordance with the preliminary results of the 1954 Census. (e) Census 30th June, 1954 (preliminary count).

### POPULATION: STATES.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
30th June— 1939	2,748,393	1,878,480	1,018,007	596,563	470,044	237,419	6,281	12,567	6,967,754
1947 (a) 1948 (b) 1949 (b) 1950 (b) 1951 (b) 1952 (b) 1953 (b) 1954 (c)	3,423,718	2,054,701 2,092,782 2,143,032 2,208,166 2,276,694 2,344,585 2,395,300 2,452,337	1,106,415 1,131,219 1,159,164 1,196,242 1,227,776 1,259,572 1,291,526 1,318,393	646,073 661,162 679,324 709,578 732,470 755,102 775,841 797,159	502,480 515,067 532,176 557,075 580,317 599,823 620,501 639,716	257,078 261,209 267,070 275,913 286,209 296,321 304,107 308,783	10,868 12,251 13,387 14,686 15,601 15,453 15,839 16,452	16,905 19,571 20,947 23,164 24,009 25,678 28,304 30,315	7,579,358 7,708,790 7,908,143 8,178,839 8,421,974 8,636,711 8,815,660 8,986,873
31st December 1954 .	3,462,502	2,480,873	1,322,886	808,208	649,360	319,542	16,123	31,144	9,090,738

<sup>(</sup>a) Census—30th June, 1947. 30th June, 1954 (preliminary count).

<sup>(</sup>b) Adjusted in accordance with the preliminary results of the 1954 Census.

<sup>(</sup>c) Census—

### OVERSEA MIGRATION.

Permanent migration refers to persons, other than Australian troops, intending residence for one year or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary migration refers to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947, onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

		Temp	oorary.			Permanent.	
Period.	Australian	n Residents.	Visitors fro	m Overseas.	Arrivals.	Australian Residents	Excess of
	Arriving.	Departing.	Arriving.	Departing.	Arrivais.	Departing.	Arrivals.
1937–38	. 1,910 . 2,127 . 2,145	1,937 2,060 1,966	2,294 2,617 2,649	2,297 2,678 2,742	1,148 1,478 2,081	953 925 1,055	195 553 1,026
1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53	2,238 2,008 2,336 2,812 3,251 3,351 3,648	1,981 1,898 2,500 2,617 3,233 3,427 3,556	1,729 2,829 3,470 3,594 3,895 3,838 3,953	1,897 2,566 3,644 3,753 4,085 4,198 3,906	3,881 9,568 15,407 12,774 10,872 7,991 7,206	1,523 1,511 1,608 1,729 2,126 2,717 2,924	2,358 8,057 13,799 11,04 <b>5</b> 8,746 5,274 4,282
April May	3,496 3,441 2,310 2,224	5,836 5,021 3,729 2,640	<b>4,885</b> 4,379 2,812 2,918	5,335 4,999 4,266 3,108	<b>8,2</b> 68 6,802 3,493 6,659	3,187 2,710 2,856 1,979	5,081 4,092 63 <b>7</b> 4,680
August September October November December January February	2,927 3,432 4,296 4,828 4,492 4,144 3,820 3,223 3,602	2,731 2,196 2,092 2,469 2,167 3,462 4,109 3,268 6,330	2,941 3,191 3,448 4,231 4,079 4,682 4,113 4,083 5,313	3,174 2,840 3,278 3,833 4,056 4,399 4,423 3,557 4,867	5,757 5,600 3,719 6,205 5,650 9,566 5,780 6,226 11 979	3,510 2,365 2,790 2,878 1,969 2,444 4,308 1,978 3,124	2,247 3,235 929 3,327 3,681 7,122 1,472 4,248 8,855
May	. 3,643 . 2,593 . 2,773	5,757 4,768 <b>3,3</b> 19	4,173 3,269 3,918	4,580 4,303 3,562	6,894 9,056 10,036	3,357 3,256 <b>3,113</b>	3,53 <b>7</b> 5,800 6,92 <b>3</b>
August September October November December January February	2,608 2,910 4,675 4,564 5,643 4,890 5,242 4,299 3,932	3,025 2,134 2,654 2,518 2,805 5,014 3,883 5,067 5,636	3,230 2,858 3,934 4,507 4,286 5,383 5,113 4,751 4,704	3,572 2,694 3,954 3,985 4,515 4,656 5,055 4,502 4,801	8,442 8,611 5,759 13,197 10,115 7,919 13,256 9,380 12,711	3,120 1,842 3,223 2,375 2,869 2,884 3,338 3,101 2,904	5,322 6,769 2,536 10,822 7,246 5,035 9,918 6,279 9,807

### WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT: AUSTRALIA.(a)

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				('000.)						
		Civil Emplo Rural and			Total I	Employmer	nt in Main Ir	ndustrial G	roups.	
Month.	Govern- mental	Domestic.)  Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- tories. (c)	Build- ing and Con- struction.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Finance.	Pro- fessional and Personal Services.
				Males.						
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259	7	133.6
1952—June 1953—June 1954—June	578.4 567.8 581.4	1,329.7 1,319.0 1,367.0	1,908.1 1,886.8 1,948.4	58.8 58.0 58.7	661.6 666.3 696.1		295.1	124.8 125.0 128.4	191.2 191.0 198.3	173.2 174.1 176.6
1953—December 1954—January February March	571.6	1,340.9 1,344.2 1,348.8 1,356.2	1,910.8 1,912.3 1,920.4 1,931.3	58.4 58.1 58.3 58.5	678.1 680.7 685.2 688.3	194.1	297.6 298.3	131.7 128.4 127.1 127.3	194.7 196.2 197.2 198.3	175.8 176.2 176.4 177.0
December 1955—January February March	502 (	1,384.3 1,382.4 1,388.2 1,393.9	1,969.0 1,968.4 1,977.6 1,986.5	57.6 57.4 57.5 57.6	702.4 703.9 707.1 709.7	202.1 203.8	303.3 304.4	134.9 130.1 129.6 129.6	205.0 206.6 207.2 207.7	180.7
				FEMALES	•					
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114	1.9	129.0
1952—June 1953—June 1954—June	112.0	564.1 561.7 593.0	679.4 673.7 707.5	0.9 0.9 1.0	199.2 202.9 219.8	4.3	39.5 36.2 36.5	112.6 109.9 115.3	72.9 71.5 77.0	215.0 213.5 218.7
1953—December 1954—January February March	111.3 110.7 113.0 114.2	590.0 587.0 588.3 593.7	701.3 697.7 701.3 707.9	0.9 0.9 1.0 0.9	213.9 215.8 218.5 222.4	4.5 4.6	35.8 36.0 36.1 36.3	122.4 116.8 113.5 113.7	73.5 74.6 76.0 76.9	215.9 214.8 217.1 218.4
December 1955—January February March	116.3 116.2 119.3 121.3	615.6 608.0 613.5 616.2	731.9 724.2 732.8 737.5	1.0 1.0 1.0 1.1	224.4 223.4 226.8 228.0	4.8 4.8	38.0	128.3 120.3 119.5 119.6	79.1 80.5 82.3 83.0	222.3 221.5 224.8 227.3
				Person	_					
1939—July	405.0		1,730.2	52.5	539.7			374		262.6
1952—June 1953—June 1954—June	679.8	1,880.7	2,587.5 2,560.5 2,655.9	59.7 58.9 59.7	860.8 869.2 915.9	197.5	339.4 331.3 336.6	237.4 234.9 243.7	264.1 262.5 275.3	388.2 387.6 395.3
1953—December 1954—January February March	684.6	1,930.9 1,931.2 1,937.1 1,949.9	2,612.1 2,610.0 2,621.7 2,639.2	59.3 59.0 59.3 59.4	892.0 896.5 903.7 910.7	196.2 198.7	333.6 334.4	254.1 245.2 240.6 241.0	268.2 270.8 273.2 275.2	391.7 391.0 393.5 395.4
December 1955—January February March	708.7		2,700.9 2,692.6 2,710.4 2,724.0	58.6 58.4 58.5 58.7	926.8 927.3 933.9 937.7	206.9 208.6	340.9 342.4	263.2 250.4 249.1 249.2	284.1 287.1 289.5 290.7	401.9 400.1 405.5 409.3

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes Defence Forces, at home or abroad, and National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1952 subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) Pay-roll series subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

### WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT: STATES.(a)

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Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
			I	Males.					
1939—July	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1952—June 1953—June 1954—June	754.4 734.3 758.1	524.4 521.6 539.7	258.1 255.2 263.7	171.5 170.6 176.0	126.0 130.2 135.0	61.0 61.8 62.8	4.4 4.6 4.9	8.3 8.5 8.2	1,908.1 1,886.8 1,948.4
1953—November December 1954—January February March November December 1955—January February March	745.0 747.8 748.1 750.0 753.2 767.4 770.0 767.8 772.7 775.9	527.1 529.6 530.9 533.6 537.0 545.0 546.9 549.2 550.3 552.8	255.4 252.5 251.8 254.2 256.1 264.7 263.3 260.9 264.4 266.2	172.8 173.2 173.5 174.4 175.0 176.0 176.5 177.5 177.5	131.9 132.6 133.0 133.2 133.9 135.7 135.5 135.6 135.4 136.3	61.3 61.9 61.9 61.9 63.1 62.9 63.7 64.1 64.0 64.3	4.8 4.9 4.8 4.8 4.8 4.8 4.8 4.7	8.3 8.3 8.2 8.3 8.2 8.3 8.3 8.4 8.5 8.4	1,906.6 1,910.8 1,912.3 1,920.4 1,931.3 1,964.8 1,969.0 1,968.4 1,977.6 1,986.5
			F	EMALES.					
1939—July	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1952—June 1953—June 1954—June	270.5 266.2 279.5	206.6 205.9 217.7	83.8 83.7 86.1	54.9 53.4 56.9	40.5 41.0 42.8	19.8 20.1 21.0	0.8 0.9 0.9	2.5 2.5 2.6	679.4 673.7 707.5
1953—November December	276.8 278.8 277.0 277.6 279.4 291.0 293.0 287.8 291.5 292.4	212.2 214.6 212.7 215.3 219.1 222.3 223.0 222.3 224.4 227.0	84.5 85.1 84.9 85.3 85.2 87.6 88.3 87.3 88.6 88.4	55.3 56.2 57.0 56.7 57.3 58.6 58.8 59.2 59.8 60.5	42.2 42.6 41.6 42.4 42.6 43.9 44.2 42.8 43.8 44.0	20.2 20.6 21.0 20.5 20.8 20.5 21.0 21.2 21.1 21.5	0.9 0.9 0.9 0.9 0.9 0.9 0.9 0.9	2.5 2.5 2.6 2.6 2.7 2.7 2.7 2.7 2.7 2.8	694.6 701.3 697.7 701.3 707.9 727.5 731.9 724.2 732.8 737.5
			P	ERSONS.					
1939—July	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1952—June 1953—June 1954—June	1,024.9 1,000.5 1,037.6	731.0 727.5 757.4	341.9 338.9 349.8	226.4 224.0 232.9	166.5 171.2 177.8	80.8 81.9 83.8	5.2 5.5 5.8	10.8 11.0 10.8	2,587.5 2,560.5 2,655.9
1953—November December 1954—January February March November December 1955—January February March	1,021.8 1,026.6 1,025.1 1,027.6 1,032.6 1,058.4 1,063.0 1,055.6 1,064.2 1,068.3	739.3 744.2 743.6 748.9 756.1 767.3 769.9 771.5 774.7 779.8	339.9 337.6 336.7 339.5 341.3 352.3 351.6 348.2 353.0 354.6	228.1 229.4 230.5 231.1 232.3 234.6 235.3 236.7 237.3 238.4	174.1 175.2 174.6 175.6 176.5 179.6 179.7 178.4 179.2 180.3	81.5 82.5 82.9 82.4 83.9 83.4 84.7 85.3 85.1 85.8	5.7 5.8 5.8 5.7 5.7 5.7 5.7 5.8 5.7	10.8 10.8 10.8 10.9 10.8 11.0 11.1 11.2 11.2	2,601.2 2,612.1 2,610.0 2,621.7 2,639.2 2,692.3 2,700.9 2,692.6 2,710.4 2,724.0

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. See also notes on page 6.

### WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)

									Australia.		
Period.	New South	Vic-	Queens-	South	Western	Tas-				ended J	Av. 3 years une. 1939 1,000.
	Wales.	toria.	land.	tralia.	tralia.	mania.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Un- adjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population
Monthly	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.		
Average— 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52	197.8 215.6 219.5 349.8 358.8 358.8 379.0 377.9 351.4	193.6 193.9 268.1 274.9 281.5 290.4 292.2	49.6 51.5 73.0 76.8 79.6 83.2 83.1	39.3 42.6 42.0 71.1 73.4 75.7 80.8 81.3 77.2	21.4 22.0 22.1 34.0 35.2 36.6 38.6 38.8 38.7	11.8 12.5 13.2 20.3 21.2 21.9 22.2 22.0 21.5	359.6 387.7 391.8 611.5 628.0 636.9 664.8 672.3 652.7	139.6 148.2 150.4 204.8 212.3 217.2 229.4 223.0 197.3	499.2 535.9 542.2 816.3 840.3 854.1 894.2 895.3 850.0	950 1,019 1,031 1,553 1,598 1,624 1,701 1,703 1,617	959 1,019 1,022 1,397 1,408 1,386 1,408 1,369 1,268
1953–54	369.6		85.0	82.2	40.3	22.4	681.1	214.5	895.6	1,703	1,312
Monthly Total— 1952-53— March April May June	354.9 356.3 357.6 358.2	285.1 285.2	82.7	78.1 78.4 78.1 78.4	39.5 39.8 39.9 39.9	22.1 22.2 22.2 22.0	657.7 661.3 663.5 666.3	203.9 203.2 202.8 202.9	861.6 864.5 866.3 869.2	1,639 1,644 1,648 1,653	1,278 1,280 1,282 1,284
July August September October November December January February March	358.7 359.4 362.3 367.1 370.2 370.5 371.0 373.7 374.9	287.9 289.7 292.3 294.3 294.1 296.4 299.8	86.5 86.1 85.2 85.2 82.5 81.9 83.3	78.3 79.0 79.6 80.1 80.9 82.3 83.9 84.0 84.6	39.9 39.9 39.9 40.0 40.2 40.3 40.3 40.4	21.7 21.4 21.5 21.7 21.8 22.3 23.0 22.5 23.1	667.2 669.0 671.4 675.3 679.4 678.1 680.7 685.2 688.3	204.2 205.1 207.7 211.1 213.2 213.9 215.8 218.5 222.4	871.4 874.1 879.1 886.4 892.6 892.0 896.5 903.7 910.7	1,657 1,662 1,672 1,686 1,698 1,696 1,705 1,719 1,732	1,286 1,290 1,296 1,306 1,313 1,310 1,311 1,319
April May June	375.0 376.0 376.7	302.1		84.7 84.4 84.3	40.5 40.6 40.8	23.4 23.4 23.3	690.2 692.4 696.1	221.5 220.4 219.8	911.7 912.8 915.9	1,734 1,736 1,742	1,327 1,326 1,329
July August September October November December January February March		303.9 304.9 306.6 308.1 308.3 309.8 311.2	9 89.0 88.8 6 88.0 87.6 8 85.7 8 83.0 2 85.2 6 85.7	83.9 84.2 84.1 84.2 84.4 84.7 85.8 85.8 86.4		22.8 22.3 22.2 22.2 22.3 23.1 23.5 23.2 23.5	696.1 697.8 698.9 700.6 703.5 702.4 703.9 707.1	220.5 220.7 222.0 223.4 224.6 224.4 223.4 226.8 228.0	916.6 918.5 920.9 924.0 928.1 926.8 927.3 933.9 937.7	1,743 1,747 1,752 1,757 1,765 1,763 1,764 1,776	1,330 1,333 1,336 1,340 1,346 1,342 r1,340 r1,346

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. Figures from 1943–49 subject to revision. For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

### WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

Period.	New South	Victoria.	Queens-	South	Western	Tasmania		-Australia.(b)	)
гепод.	Wales.	Victoria.	land.	Australia.	Australia.	I asmania.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
Monthly Average  1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54	91.0	63.4 65.7 66.8 68.8 68.6 66.1 67.5	29.2 29.9 30.2 31.1 31.3 30.0 30.6	21.8 22.6 23.1 23.9 23.6 22.4 23.1	16.3 17.1 17.6 18.2 18.4 18.1	6.7 6.9 7.0 7.3 7.3 7.2 7.5	121.2 125.5 126.7 129.3 128.0 124.2 127.2	107.6 111.2 112.0 117.8 117.7 110.4 114.0	228.8 236.7 238.7 247.1 245.7 234.6 241.2
Monthly Total— 1952–53— March April	89.8 89.7 89.9 89.9	66.2 66.0 66.2 66.1	29.8 29.9 30.0 30.2	21.8 22.4 22.3 22.6	17.9 18.2 18.3 18.4	7.3 7.3 7.3 7.2	123.9 124.5 124.8 125.0	. 109.6 109.6 109.9 109.9	233.5 234.1 234.7 234.9
July August September October November December January February March	89.8 90.1 90.1 90.9 95.2 99.1 95.2 92.7 93.0	65.4 65.8 66.4 67.7 71.7 67.5 67.3	30.2 30.1 30.2 30.4 31.0 31.8 31.3 30.3 30.2	22.4 22.4 22.6 22.7 23.5 23.4 23.3 23.0 23.1	18.4 18.3 18.4 18.7 19.0 19.7 19.3 19.0	7.3 7.3 7.2 7.3 7.6 7.9 7.9 7.6 7.5	124.3 124.5 124.8 125.5 127.8 131.7 128.4 127.1 127.3	109.8 109.7 110.2 111.5 116.7 122.4 116.8 113.5 113.7	234.1 234.2 235.0 237.0 244.5 254.1 245.2 240.6 241.0
April	92.8 93.6 <b>93.6</b>	68.1 68.2 68.5	30.2 30.4 30.8	23.4 23.4 23.4	19.1 19.3 19.3	7.5 7.5 <b>7.</b> 4	127.6 128.4 128.4	114.1 114.7 115.3	241.7 243.1 243.7
July	93.2 93.4 93.9 94.8 100.0 104.4 96.4 95.8 96.1	68.3 68.1 68.3 68.7 71.0 72.7 70.2 70.0 69.8	30.7 30.8 31.0 31.1 31.8 32.5 31.2 30.8 30.8	23.3 23.3 23.6 23.7 24.4 24.5 24.5 24.5	19.4 19.2 19.2 19.4 19.8 20.3 19.6 19.4	7.5 7.4 7.6 7.5 7.8 8.1 7.9 7.8 7.8	128.0 128.0 128.2 128.2 131.7 134.9 130.1 129.6 129.6	114.9 114.9 115.9 117.7 123.8 128.3 120.3 119.5 119.6	242.9 242.9 244.1 245.9 255.5 263.2 250.4 249.1 249.2

<sup>(</sup>a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. Figures subject to revision.

(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

### AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.		New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
		Avera	ge Weekly	Total Wad	ges Paid (£'	000).		
1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54		6,976 8,133 9,018 11,385 14,364 15,090 16,043	4,719 5,540 6,370 7,916 9,816 10,490 11,305	2,069 2,503 2,838 3,501 4,319 4,750 5,065	1,369 1,644 1,894 2,389 3,018 3,311 3,561	954 1,120 1,315 1,639 2,108 2,344 2,586	492 580 672 817 1,059 1,178 1,280	16,579 19,520 22,107 27,647 34,684 37,163 39,840
1952–53— March Qtr. June ,,		14,241 15,456	9,932 10,828	4,501 4,837	3,147 3,401	2,288 2,413	1,181 1,248	35,290 38,183
September ,, December ,, March ,, June ,, 1954–55—	• •	15,654 16,753 15,303 16,463	11,059 11,748 10,796 11,619	4,970 5,225 4,818 5,245	3,483 3,640 3,447 3,673	2,560 2,672 2,467 2,644	1,218 1,296 1,250 1,356	38,944 41,334 38,081 41,000
September ,, December ,, March ,,	• •	16,765 17,918 16,511	11,848 12,440 11,678	5,344 5,612 5,017	3,750 3,862 3,712	2,729 2,773 2,610	1,277 1,345 1,346	41,713 43,950 40,874
	Aver	age Week	ly Earning	s per Empl	oyed Male	Unit (£).(a	e)	
1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53 1953–54		7.73 8.73 9.50 11.46 14.24 15.50 16.15	7.80 8.84 9.78 11.70 14.20 15.46 16.27	6.58 7.63 8.34 9.82 11.93 13.32 14.05	7.02 8.03 8.83 10.58 13.13 14.58 15.30	6.87 7.75 8.65 10.23 12.80 14.13 15.04	6.72 7.56 8.49 9.99 12.59 13.97 14.92	7.44 8.44 9.26 11.09 13.65 14.95 15.69
1952–53— March Qtr. June " 1953–54—	• •	14.70 15.84	14.60 15.86	12.76 13.55	13.91 14.86	13.75 14.31	13.83 14.52	14.23 15.28
September ,, December ,, March ,, June ,,	• •	16.01 16.87 15.33 16.38	16.18 16.99 15.44 16.48	13.81 14.58 13.47 14.33	15.19 15.81 14.67 15.52	15.08 15.60 14.29 15.20	14.45 15.23 14.48 15.51	15.55 16.33 14.94 15.93
September ,, December ,, March ,,	• •	16.60 17.53 16.07	16.76 17.45 16.20	14.41 15.14 13.59	15.86 16.26 15.50	15.62 15.78 14.86	14.91 15.51 15.20	16.14 16.86 15.59

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

### UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII. of the Social Services Act 1947–1955.

Number of Persons on Benefit at End of each Month.(a)

				Unemp	loyment.				Sickness.	Special.
Period.	New South Wales.(c)	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	A.C.T. (e)	Australia.	Australia.	Australia.
Monthly Average—  1947–48  1948–49  1949–50  1950–51  1951–52  1952–53 (f)  1953–54 (f)	637 282 8,327 287 949 17,590 6,495	140 32 123 71 220 6,168 2,698	2,640 1,094 1,371 326 1,374 4,281 3,169	49 15 241 6 24 842 252	390 121 155 59 64 841 406	32 31 30 14 16 262 212		3,888 1,575 10,247 763 2,647 29,984 13,232	8,538 7,614 7,585 7,059 6,454 7,140 7,994	517 591 897 863 993 1,408 1,868
Monthly Total—(f) 1952–53— April	16,871 15,351 14,629	5,454 5,630 5,939	4,972 4,333 3,677	658 576 655	700 654 691	250 243 323		28,905 26,787 25,914	7,418 7,804 8,135	1,590 1,648 1,985
July August September October November December January February March	14,296 12,222 9,975 7,070 5,659 5,742 5,589 4,445 3,675 3,445	6,052 5,549 4,567 3,314 2,367 2,202 1,920 1,539 1,277 1,229	3,154 2,794 2,591 2,495 2,488 3,279 5,295 5,397 3,644 3,252	728 596 427 289 224 198 132 99 93 77	870 689 541 445 374 386 388 288 196 239	405 447 427 312 223 142 99 110 85 78		25,505 22,297 18,528 13,925 11,335 11,949 13,423 11,878 8,970 8,320	8,421 8,546 8,546 8,241 8,181 7,824 7,412 7,727 7,735 7,502	2,050 1,846 1,875 1,871 1,868 1,839 1,833 1,862 1,838 1,825
May June	3,014 2,810	1,161 1,203	1,986 1,657	79 79	225 225	107 109		6,572 6,083	7,996 7,802	1,853 1,852
July August September October November December January February March April	2,627 2,226 1,822 1,334 1,266 1,179 1,248 1,132 1,240 1,113	1,135 957 757 602 501 480 437 363 286 288	1,166 1,081 918 802 916 1,228 2,165 2,371 2,347 1,799	99 83 80 55 60 64 67 57 43 50	198 145 162 95 114 136 144 147 131	135 147 143 114 113 73 52 46 35 41	3 3 4 5 4 3 4 3 2 3	5,363 4,642 3,886 3,007 g2,975 3,163 4,117 4,119 g4,086 g3,453	8,301 8,541 8,496 8,113 8,169 7,890 7,495 7,862 7,702 7,599	1,892 1,905 1,931 1,933 1,931 1,935 1,999 2,028 2,035 2,076

<sup>(</sup>a) Last Saturday of month.
(b) Excludes migrants.
(c) Includes Australian Capital Territory prior to July, 1954.
(d) Includes Northern Territory prior to July, 1954.
(e) Included with New South Wales prior to July, 1954.
(f) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.
(g) Includes Northern Territory, November 1, March 2, April 2.

# UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS—continued.

Number admitted to Unemployment Benefit and Amount paid in Benefits: Australia.

		Number Ad	mitted to Und Benefit.	employment		Amoun	nt Paid in Be	nefits.	
Period.					T T		Spec	ial—	
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unem- ployment.	Sickness.	Migrants.	Ordinary.	Total.
Monthly Averag	re				£	£	£	£	£
1947–48 1948–49		2,273 955	116 56	2,389 1,011	30,802 11,570	65,944 66,319	1,319 7,088	3,391 4,225	101,456 89,202
1949-50		10,854	2,571	13,425	105,506	68,001	35,	361	208,868
1950–51 1951–52 1952–53 1953–54	• •	881 1,771 12,793 4,368	111 520 1,797 810	992 2,291 14,590 5,178	5,204 15,584 380,812 208,788	62,143 59,157 116,108 139,633	13,520 6,911 8,172 4,561	5,568 2,319 16,197 25,639	86,435 83,971 521,289 378,621
Monthly Total— 1952-53—									
April May June	• •	9,641 10,716 8,746	1,299 1,698 1,371	10,940 12,414 10,117	413,500 489,769 467,289	116,520 169,313 163,285	5,844 6,857 2,204	15,348 23,463 25,839	551,212 689,402 658,617
July August September October November December January February March April		8,233 8,153 4,772 4,565 2,919 3,448 6,883 4,310 2,719 2,297	1,467 1,377 838 845 630 523 749 714 645 599	9,700 9,530 5,610 5,410 3,549 3,971 7,632 5,024 3,364 2,896	367,739 332,777 317,878 265,396 196,558 178,023 174,118 170,361 171,167 122,952	142,114 144,316 153,423 151,519 146,036 163,169 135,747 121,033 136,753 132,694	7,141 2,822 3,734 722 3,355 3,647 7,449 4,538 2,926 3,725	28,352 26,808 27,103 25,720 26,119 27,693 21,595 19,923 25,690 24,150	545,346 506,723 502,138 443,357 372,068 372,532 338,909 315,855 336,536 283,521
May June		2,389 1, <b>7</b> 30	764 564	3,153 2,294	123,805 84,689	138,620 110,169	6,826 <b>7,</b> 846	29,375 25,139	298,626 22 <b>7</b> ,843
July August September October November December January February March April		1,756 1,147 927 1,022 842 986 3,248 2,148 2,590 1,714	708 524 428 486 352 365 521 463 616 558	2,464 1,671 1,355 1,508 1,194 1,351 3,769 2,611 3,206 2,272	83,605 69,634 57,986 44,162 46,670 36,282 58,126 59,842 63,793 65,445	138,866 127,933 148,570 123,395 146,493 129,836 135,073 121,832 145,720 142,051	8,727 4,744 3,142 1,738 5,362 3,331 3,392 4,900 1,924 3,767	26,539 23,472 25,336 20,449 26,107 24,385 22,694 24,145 29,517 26,119	257,737 225,783 235,034 189,744 224,632 193,834 219,285 210,769 240,954 237,382

### RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Particulars of agreements originally made between retailers and customers and subsequently assigned to finance companies are not included in agreements made during each quarter nor, up to 31st December, 1953, in balances outstanding. Commencing March, 1954, however, details of balances outstanding on agreements assigned to finance companies were collected and are included in the figures from that date.

### AGREEMENTS MADE DURING EACH QUARTER: AUSTRALIA.

			Value of	Goods.(a)	Amount F	Financed.(b)	Average
Period.		Number of Agreements.	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement.	Proportion of Sale Financed.(b Per cent.
		Motor Vehi	cles, Trac	TORS, ETC.			
Quarterly Average—		62,994	42,461	674	24,552	390	58
Quarterly Total—		02,771	12, 101	071	41,554	370	
1954—March		55,017	35,768	650	20,269	368	57
June		62,127	42,010	676	24,705	398	59
September		66,117	44,907	679	25,862	391	58
December		68,714	47,159	686	27,372	398	58
		Plant A	and Machi	NERY.			
Quarterly Average—		1		1			
1054		3,111	1,882	605	1,152	370	61
Quarterly Total—	• • •	2,111	1,002	000	1,174	510	. 01
1954—March		2,349	1,448	616	844	359	58
		2,764	1,782	645	1.113	403	62
June		3,354	1,786	532	1,106	330	62
September	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	3,977	2,512	632	1,545	388	62
December	• • • • •	3,711	2,712	0,72	1,242	200	02
		Household A	ND PERSON	al Goods.			
Quarterly Average-	-						
1954		152,860	11,614	. 76	9,285	61	80
Quarterly Total—				77			
1954—March		142,946	11,586	81	9,030	63	78
June		147,395	10,195	69	8,227	56	81
September		150,145	10,876	72	8,820	59	81
December		170,955	13,800	81	11,063	65	80
		Total	(All Goo	DS).			
Quarterly Average—		1 0 1112	(				
1954		218,965	55,957	256	34,989	160	63
Quarterly Total—		2.5,755			,		
1954—March		200,312	48,802	244	30,143	150	62
		212,286	53,987	254	34.045	160	63
June	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	219,616	57,569	262	35,788	163	62
September December	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	243,646	63,471	261	39,980	164	63
December	1		and incurance		oludas hiring al		

<sup>(</sup>a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance,

### RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES—continued.

### BALANCES OUTSTANDING AT END OF EACH QUARTER.(a)

(INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE.) (£.000.)

				(2000.)				
At end of—		New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1953— March Quarter June ,, September ,, December ,,	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	34,397 34,972 37,889 43,756	19,388 19,861 21,704 25,097	14,355 15,072 16,107 18,379	7,642 8,016 8,882 10,356	6,048 6,354 6,950 7,978	2,739 2,929 3,239 3,666	84,569 87,204 94,771 109,232
March ,, (d) June ,, September ,, December ,,	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	47,676 51,443 55,153 62,146	27,546 30,726 34,144 38,681	19,674 22,341 24,018 26,181	11,199 12,483 14,070 15,857	8,548 9,703 10,893 11,986	4,032 4,534 4,991 5,583	118,675 131,230 143,269 160,434

<sup>(</sup>a) Balances on agreements entered into during the quarter or at any time previously. (d) See letterpress at top of page 13. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

### WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia including imports. are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

Average N	Average Monthly Net Sales Recorded.						Taxable N Rate of T			nthly Net S Recorded.		
Year.		axable loods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.	Month.		10%	12½%	163%	Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.
1936–37 . 1937–38 . 1938–39 .  1946–47 . 1947–48 . 1948–49 . 1949–50 . 1950–51 . 1951–52 . 1952–53 . 1953–54 .	. 1 . 2 . 2 . 3 . 3 . 4 . 4	15.4 16.9 16.4 24.6 26.2 30.3 38.0 45.6 52.0 46.3 57.3	21.8 23.6 23.4 42.2 53.3 63.1 72.2 94.9 110.1 111.8 122.2	37.2 40.5 39.8 66.8 79.5 93.4 110.2 140.5 162.1 158.1 179.5	1953-54— Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June 1954-55— July August Sept. Oct. Nov. r Dec. (b) r Jan. (b)		6.9 14.8 14.4 15.2 16.3 9.8	34.3 37.0 44.1 39.9 40.6 41.1 40.4 38.5 36.0 34.7 37.6 38.0 26.7	12.4 15.1 18.6 17.6 18.4 18.4 20.0 18.1 18.2 17.3 17.6 17.0	46.7 52.1 62.7 57.5 59.0 59.5 60.4 63.5 69.0 66.4 70.4 71.3 47.0	100.1 110.6 122.0 124.9 124.0 139.0 126.6 134.6 140.9 139.6 144.7 141.5 118.0	146.8 162.7 184.7 182.4 183.0 198.5 187.0 198.1 209.9 206.0 215.1 212.8 165.0

<sup>(</sup>a) On 19th August, 1954, the special rate of 10 per cent. was imposed. (b) Preliminary and partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols, r, —, see page 1.

<sup>(</sup>b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

			Producer	rs' Mate	rials for us	e in—			Fue	ls.	Auxilia	arv	Munitio	ns
Period.	Building Construct		Rur Indust		Manufac	turing.	Tota	l.	Lubric	I	Aids Product	to	and War	ar
	Class	IA.	Class	IB.	Class	Ic.	Class	Ι.	Class	II.	Class I	II.	Class V	II.
Monthly Average— 1936-37	347 472 385	% 4.0 4.4 4.1	143 155 171	% 1.7 1.5 1.8	3,435 4,285 3,599	% 39.9 40.2 38.2	3,925 4,912 4,155	46.1	621 784 736	% 7.2 7.4 7.8	408 470 469	% 4.7 4.4 4.9	31 36 88	% 0.4 0.4 0.9
1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53	727 1,194 2,026 3,416 4,898 1,482 1,946	2.6 3.5 4.5 5.5 5.6 3.5 3.4	289 318 431 416 518 368 441	1.0 0.9 1.0 0.7 0.6 0.9 0.8	12,362 13,545 14,438 23,479 34,630 14,620 20,691	43.9 39.2 32.3 38.0 39.6 34.4 36.6	13,378 15,057 16,895 27,311 40,046 16,470 23,078	43.6 37.8 44.2 45.8 38.8	2,379 3,037 3,852 5,029 5,902 5,313 5,633	8.4 8.8 8.6 8.1 6.7 12.5 10.0	2,059 2,212 2,390 2,829 5,236 1,894 1,891	7.3 6.4 5.4 4.6 6.0 4.5 3.3	129 257 129 94 1,132 755 351	0.5 0.7 0.3 0.2 1.3 1.8 0.6
Monthly Total— 1952–53— March April May June	1,478 1,525 1,762 1,749	3.3 3.6 4.0 4.2	331 337 500 363	0.8 0.7 1.1 0.9	15,620 14,393 15,683 14,483	35.3 33.3 35.5 34.5	17,429 16,255 17,945 16,595	37.6 40.6	4,472 5,802 4,961 4,170	10.1 13.4 11.2 9.9	1,642 1,514 2,072 2,238	3.7 3.5 4.7 5.3	222 459 621 625	0.5 1.1 1.4 1.5
July August September October November December January February March	1,455 1,866 1,875 1,611 1,626 2,126 2,091 1,556 2,043	2.8 3.6 3.5 3.2 3.2 3.6 3.5 3.4 3.0	358 364 358 306 383 607 384 444 519	0.7 0.7 0.7 0.6 0.8 1.0 0.6 1.0	17,737 18,760 18,249 18,018 18,628 21,037 21,257 17,587 25,655	34.1 35.9 34.4 35.7 36.7 35.9 35.2 38.4 38.4	19,550 20,990 20,482 19,935 20,637 23,770 23,732 19,587 28,217	40.2 38.6 39.5 40.7 40.5 39.3 42.8	6,541 4,565 6,258 5,786 6,152 4,725 6,498 4,023 6,667	12.6 8.7 11.8 11.5 12.2 8.1 10.7 8.8 10.0	2,043 2,144 2,473 1,201 1,372 1,896 1,764 1,417 1,870	3.9 4.1 4.6 2.4 2.7 3.2 2.9 3.1 2.8	518 747 239 328 497 375 235 254 272	1.0 1.5 0.5 0.6 1.0 0.6 0.4 0.5 0.4
April May June	2,158 2,421 2,528	4.1 4.0 3.3	518 410 641	1.0 0.7 0.8	18,318 22,421 30,623	35.2 37.3 40.3	20,994 25,252 33, <b>7</b> 92	42.0	4,934 6,532 4,916	9.4 10.9 6.5	1,500 2,350 2,666	2.9 3.9 3.5	149 321 282	0.3 0.5 0.4
July August September October November December January February March	3,291 2,886 2,836 2,901 2,404 3,354 3,235 2,877 3,336	4.7 4.3 4.0 4.5 4.4 5.2 4.3 4.1 4.3	659 721 539 619 407 343 317 540 706	0.9 1.1 0.8 1.0 0.7 0.6 0.4 0.8 0.9	28,52	33.0 38.2 37.9 36.8 38.6 39.1 40.8	25,625 30,218 28,045 22,926 28,566 33,28 31,93	5 44.3 5 38.4 8 43.0 5 43.4 8 41.9 0 44.4 6 43.8 8 45.7 1 47.0	5,045 5,968 4,972 4,129 4,332 4,524 5,916 4,431 4,632	7.2 8.9 7.1 6.4 7.9 7.0 7.8 6.4 6.0	2,172 3,527 2,540 2,405 1,600 1,875 1,870 2,120 2,790	3.1 5.3 3.6 3.7 2.9 2.9 2.5 3.1 3.6		0.2 0.4 0.3 0.6 0.7 0.5 0.6 0.8

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

### IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

		(	Capital Equi	ipment.				,	Finish	ed Cons	sumer Goo	ds.		7
			Tran	isp <b>o</b> rt E	quipment	i.								permanent of the
Period.	Produc Equipm		Road Vel and Com Parts	plete	Rail Equip Vessels a Airc	ment nd Civil	Food, Bev and Toba		Clothin		All Ot	her.	Tota	al.
	Class	IV.	Class V	. В.	Class V.	A, C, D.	Class VI.	А, В, С.	Class V	I. d.	Class V	Ι. ε−ј.	Class	VI.
Monthly		%		%		%		%		%		%		%
Average— 1936-37	884 1,149 1,104 2,393 3,409 5,297 6,675 9,960 8,409 9,474	10.3 10.9 11.7 8.5 9.9 11.9 10.8 11.4 19.7 16.8	872 1,161 899 2,437 4,231 8,643 9,239 10,941 3,569 5,769	10.2 11.0 9.5 8.6 12.2 19.3 14.9 12.5 8.3 10.2	146 205 119 172 355 497 1,137 1,661 1,703 1,552	1.7 1.9 1.3 0.6 1.0 1.1 1.8 1.9 4.0 2.7	516 531 564 1,617 1,619 2,163 2,871 3,174 1,517 2,658	6.0 5.0 6.0 5.7 4.7 4.8 4.7 3.5 4.5	46 68 84 280 614 578 745 1,149 130 446	0.5 0.6 0.9 1.0 1.8 1.3 1.2 1.3 0.3	1,157 1,299 1,217 3,330 3,714 4,233 5,893 8,377 2,369 5,691	13.4 12.3 12.9 11.9 10.9 9.5 9.5 9.6 5.6 10.1	1,719 1,898 1,865 5,227 5,947 6,974 9,509 12,600 4,416 8,795	19.9 17.9 19.8 18.6 17.4 15.6 15.4 14.4 10.4 15.6
Monthly Total— 1952–53— March April May June	9,246 8,790 8,130 8,032	20.9 20.3 18.4 19.1	4,159 3,803 3,907 4,012	9.4 8.8 8.8 9.6	2,018 555 493 898	4.6 1.3 1.1 2.1	1,960 2,947 2,913 2,253	4.4 6.8 6.6 5.4	197 208 157 204	0.5 0.5 0.3 0.5	2,865 2,931 3,037 2,898	6.5 6.7 6.9 7.0	5,022 6,086 6,107 5,355	11.4 14.0 13.8 12.9
July August September October November December January February March	8,753 9,910, 10,001 8,239 7,804 9,200 10,854 7,016 10,794	18.8 16.3 15.4 15.7 18.0 15.3	5,247 5,584 5,299 4,638 4,889 5,552 6,091 4,773 6,155	10.1 10.7 10.0 9.2 9.7 9.5 10.1 10.5 9.2	1,202 1,075	1.5 2.0 2.0 3.3 2.6 5.9 2.0 2.4 2.9	3,829 2,458 2,069 2,744 2,209 2,545 3,220 2,442 2,816	7.4 4.7 3.9 5.4 4.4 4.3 5.3 5.3 4.2	283 275 384 370 409 443 525 412 798	0.5 0.5 0.7 0.7 0.8 0.8 0.9 0.9	4,483 4,494 4,818 5,617 5,357 6,698 6,268 4,763 7,360	8.6 8.6 9.1 11.1 10.5 11.4 10.4 11.0	8,595 7,227 7,271 8,731 7,975 9,686 10,013 7,617 10,974	16.5 13.8 13.7 17.2 15.7 16.5 16.6 16.6
April May June	10,632 8,929 11,554	20.4 14.8 15.2	5,009 7,220 8,770	9.6 12.0 11.5	1,312 1,315 2,398	2.5 2.2 3.2	2,520 1,959 3,084	4.8 3.3 4.0	562 447 444	1.1 0.7 0.6	4,517 5,819 8,100	8.7 9.7 10.7	7,599 8,225 11,628	14.6 13.7 15.3
1954-55 p— July August September October November December January February March	10,370 10,805 10,345 10,267 7,633 9,446 11,380 9,247 10,429	16.2 14.7 15.9 14.0 14.7 15.0 13.2	6,789 7,059 7,201 5,809 6,280 6,198 8,129 7,244 7,258	9.7 10.6 10.2 9.0 11.5 9.6 10.7 10.4 9.4	1,891 1,448 2,346 1,421 2,042 2,216	2.4 2.8 2.1 3.6 2.6 3.2 2.9 3.0 3.0	3,661 2,460 4,160 2,121 2,432 3,208 3,033 4,613 4,333	5.2 3.7 5.9 3.3 4.5 4.9 4.0 6.6 5.6	519 531 640 586 468 608 853 845 886	0.7 0.8 0.9 0.9 0.9 1.0 1.1 1.2 1.1	8,793 8,587 8,595 8,756 7,241 7,452 8,920 6,839 7,810	12.5 12.9 12.2 13.5 13.2 11.6 11.7 9.8 10.1	12,973 11,578 13,395 11,463 10,141 11,268 12,806 12,297 13,029	17.6

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1,

### IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

		Produ	icers' Mate (Class I.)	rials.		l Consume (Class VI.)		Tota		of Merchand Classes.)	lise.
Period.		Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Total.
Monthly Average— 1936-37 1937-38 1938-39	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1,024 1,241 1,100	373 449 351	2,528 3,222 2,704	45 48 55	303 300 309	1,371 1,550 1,501	1,069 1,289 1,155	1,505 1,796 1,627	6,032 7,530 6,653	8,606 10,615 9,435
1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53 1953–54	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	2,903 3,273 3,916 7,012 7,788 4,712 6,260	1,803 2,059 1,777 3,185 4,788 2,195 3,189	8,672 9,725 11,202 17,114 27,469 9,563 13,629	107 133 180 273 359 251 385	1,110 899 1,277 1,600 1,446 1,182 1,471	4,010 4,915 5,517 7,636 10,795 2,983 6,909	3,010 3,406 4,096 7,285 8,147 4,963 6,645	5,872 6,738 7,851 10,961 13,933 9,443 11,384	19,292 24,361 32,730 43,577 65,398 28,123 38,514	28,174 34,505 44,677 61,823 87,478 42,529 56,543
Monthly Total- 1952–53— March April May June	• •	4,780 5,046 5,158 5,246	2,212 2,308 2,709 2,194	10,437 8,901 10,078 9,155	199 482 320 331	1,270 1,825 1,773 1,250	3,553 3,779 4,014 3,772	4,979 5,528 5,478 5,577	8,789 10,767 10,332 8,434	30,442 26,969 28,426 27,914	44,210 43,264 44,236 41,925
July August September October November December January February March		5,168 5,421 4,806 4,754 5,615 6,400 6,324 6,447 7,703	2,593 3,375 3,070 3,093 2,758 3,026 2,966 2,510 3,740	11,789 12,194 12,606 12,088 12,264 14,344 14,442 10,630 16,774	687 295 255 444 362 327 194 329 509	1,749 1,461 1,026 1,528 1,138 1,175 2,044 1,416 1,622	6,166 5,461 5,995 6,744 6,474 8,222 7,765 5,475 8,841	5,855 5,716 5,061 5,198 5,977 6,727 6,518 6,776 8,212	11,899 10,444 11,379 11,393 11,009 10,097 12,677 8,902 13,268	34,292 36,083 36,633 33,924 33,688 41,828 41,194 30,084 45,408	52,046 52,243 53,073 50,515 50,674 58,652 60,389 45,762 66,888
April May June		7,008 6,828 8,647	2,519 3,669 4,954	11,467 14,755 20,191	491 256 474	1,475 1,174 1,840	5,633 6,813 9,314	7,499 7,084 9,121	9,894 12,468 13,173	34,736 40,592 53,712	52,129 60,144 76,006
July August September October November December January February March		9,379 6,402 7,612 7,248 6,243 8,997 8,058 10,559 11,587	4,937 3,762 4,834 5,424 4,396 4,126 5,548 4,415 5,737	16,810 15,461 17,772 15,373 12,289 15,437 19,680 16,964 19,157	561 314 391 399 376 333 522 342 424	2,473 1,440 2,998 1,079 1,344 2,295 1,534 3,370 3,260	9,939 9,824 10,006 9,985 8,421 8,640 10,750 8,585 9,345	9,940 6,716 8,003 7,647 6,619 9,330 8,580 10,901 12,011	13,734 12,513 14,169 11,873 11,154 12,149 14,444 13,448 15,025	46,663 47,469 48,159 45,121 36,916 42,924 52,994 45,498 50,517	70,337 66,698 70,331 64,641 54,689 64,403 76,018 69,847 77,553

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

## EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.		Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Sugar and Sugar Syrups.	Meats.	Hides and Skins.	Lead.	Dried Fruits.	Fresh Fruits.	Total Exports of Merchan- dise.
1937–38	• • •	5,209 3,915 3,561	2,029 2,245 1,106	734 898 1,074	309 336 348	1,021	609 516 342	402 409 356		165 171 169	11,719
1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	12,396 19,283 26,096 52,779 26,953 33,576 34,351	7,053 8,202 7,376 8,921 7,359 7,449 5,059	1,719 1,984 2,056 1,539 383 1,675 1,333	1,108 1,185 1,240 586 1,805	(a)2,388 2,854 2,533 2,957 5,481	1,017 1,263 2,272 1,428 1,677	1,148 1,856 1,416 1,796 2,156 2,116 1,999	288 241 389 472 669		45,092 50,971 81,591 55,437 70,708
April May	• •	48,681 38,580 31,493 32,484	10,097 10,348 9,534 12,141	2,267 1,502 1,499 1,336	962	4,308 4,431	1,996 1,966	1,660 2,151 1,470 1,629	1,520 1,915	2,347 3,012	79,079 72,744
July August September October November December January February March		32,461 12,174 23,591 50,890 49,565 48,195 29,928 31,981 49,350	12,899 5,391 4,972 4,648 5,728 2,770 4,339 3,491 4,507	685 512 1,241 2,445 1,190	3,514 4,191 4,841 4,806 3,898 3,210 2,011	6,925 5,071 4,731 5,230 4,925 3,582 3,036	1,551 1,939 1,904 1,474 1,453 1,569 1,215	1,885 3,280 1,804 1,888 1,938 1,576 1,383	1,210 526 388 369 107 43 43	168 68 130 147 115 40	48,362 59,300 85,810 84,833 78,227 58,015 57,410
April May June	• • •	34,904 23,906 25,272		1,404	144	4,469	1,643		1,471	2,597	57,829
1954–55 p— July August September October November December January February March		21,298 8,947 21,003 39,333 25,773 43,937 30,666 32,442 40,153	4,777 3,954 5,376 4,328 7,327 4,983 8,207	404 1,084 1,963 1,754 4,278 3,349 3,194	4,222 4,809 2,983 1,552 3,546 2,812 3,190	5,862 6,083 6,096 5,074 8,374 5,584 4,923	1,355 2,069 1,818 1,070 2,156 1,391 1,794	3,613 1,679 2,183 1,942 2,212 1,835 1,368	1,301 766 845 119 402 265 363	165 67 143 116 115 36 239	43,843 54,719 72,792 50,716 84,825 63,851 67,643

(a) Prior to July, 1948, included soups (1948-49 monthly average exports £92,000).

For meaning of symbols p, ——, see page 1.

### EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (from July, 1945 to September, 1951), the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity.

### SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Group: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

1	(Dasc	or eacr	Group	, Avei	age or s	ycurs		4110, 173		,0.,	All G	oups.
Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (b)	Meats.	Sugar.	Dried Fruits.	Tallow.	Hides. (e)	Gold.	Excl. Gold.	Incl. Gold.
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate  (g)	45.63 49.05			6.83 7.34			1.81	0.64	0.66		100.00	100.00
1936-37 1937-38 1938-39 1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54	122 99 79 287 365 473 999 564 616	111 66 420 413 400 432 436 445		96 84 372 478 421 689 811 504	106 96 146 171 196 209 263 314	92 104 320 343 369 410 464 501	157 162 176	436 499 400	113 100 87 364 421 479 752 486 369 336	98 103 122 122 164 176 184 186	116 102 82 296 348 399 690 495 505 p496	115 102 83 283 332 383 654 473 483 p474
1952–53— March April May June	656 671 701 641		313 313	463 418 407	321 321	501 501 501 500	290 290 290 290	298 284 252 249	364 344 352 326	185 185 184 181	523 527 541 513	500 503 516 490
July August September October November December January February March	(i) 641 (i) 634 626 634 634 611 603 581 581	443 428 414 413 411 402 399	325 325 325 325 325 325 325	450 438 450 458 442 427 423 440	331 331 340 340 340 340 340 340	461 461 461	290 290 290 290 290 290 290 290 290 p281	244 251 260 269 301 341 369 368 355	319 321 336 374 383 377 377 353 327	183 182 182 181 176 177 176 177	516 511 506 509 508 495 489 476 p476	493 488 484 486 485 473 468 455 p456
April May June	(i) 596 618 622	372		474	340	461	p281 p281 p281	364 369 359	300 281 278	176 178 178	p482 p492 p494	p461 p470 p472
July August September October November December January February March	(i) 622 566 566 536 513 532 p520 p528 p528	p358 p355 p356 p358 p358 p358 p360 p360	313 313 313 313 313 313 313	475 498 524 518 512 516 522	340 340 340 340 385 p371 p349	448 448 p468 p468 p468 p430 p430	p261 p260 p261 p263 p266 p266	350 350 p350 p350 p350 p350 p350	254 224 216 204 197 200 200	178 178 178 179 178 178 178		p468 p442 p442 p431 p421 p432 p426 p427 p426

<sup>(</sup>a) From October, 1951, to July, 1953, the prices used for wheat are the estimated average realizations after weighting prices of quota and non-quota wheat. Prices adopted for months since August, 1953, are derived from available information of current sales.

(b) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead.

(c) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork.

(d) Sultanas, lexias, currants.

(e) Cattle hides, calf skins.

(f) Where Australian gold has been sold on the oversea premium markets such price has been used in the index.

(g) For all Groups (including Gold)—applicable from 1936–37.

(i) Nominal.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

### EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

### RECENT TRENDS-EXPORT PRICE INDEX-WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Reference to the group indexes in the table on page 19 hereof shows the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export (and comprises 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the movements affecting the other components in the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Group: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

			1947–48.			1948–49.			1949–50.			1950-51.	
Period.		Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.									
July		a196	255	228	a351	316	332	a339	277	305	a592	333	451
August		241	258	251	a351	313	330	a347	284	313	864	340	579
September		249	261	255	355	308	329	339	292	314	890	355	599
October		260 ·	262	261	328	314	320	392	305	345	890	360	602
November		275	268	271	366	313	337	419	305	357	965	366	639
December		a275	274	275	400	308	350	456	307	375	973	366	643
January		313	286	298	400	310	351	562	310	425	1,252	368	771
February		328	291	308	411	305	353	536	315	416	1,339	369	811
March		a302	296	299	a411	304	353	524	316	411	1,437	377	860
April		313	300	306	332	294	311	a554	324	429	1,094	384	708
May		332	305	317	336	291	311	611	328	457	973	385	653
June	• •	362	309	333	339	288	311	592	331	450	717	383	535
Average of	Year	287	280	283	365	305	332	473	308	383	999	365	654

		1951-52.			1952–53.			1953–54.			1954–55.	
Period	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
July August September October November December January February March April May June Average of Year	a717 551 498 686 603 581 566 520 460 475 543 566	400 400 400 403 398 403 402 400 397 385 376	544 468 445 532 492 484 477 456 427 432 457 463	a566 a566 551 588 588 618 618 626 656 671 701 641	381 380 379 370 368 376 371 369 363 361 363	465 465 457 469 469 486 486 487 500 503 516 490	a641 a634 626 634 634 611 603 581 581 a596 618 622	369 367 365 363 360 358 354 350 p351 p348 p346 p346	493 488 484 486 485 473 468 455 p456 p461 p470 p472	a622 566 566 536 513 532 p500 p528 p528	p338 p338 p339 p344 p343 p348 p346 p343 p341	p468 p442 p442 p431 p421 p432 p426 p427 p426

(a) Nominal.

Note.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. The impact of the price movements on current sales is indicated more directly by the index numbers below. In computing these the "quantity multipliers" are the quantities actually exported in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are:—

All Groups,	Month o	f March.	Nine months ended March.		
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.	
Excluding Wool Including Wool	100	100 94	100 100	97 91	

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1

### WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928–29 to 1934–35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

			Bas	ic Materia	8.			Food-	Basic Mat	erials and F	oodstuffs.
Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemi- cals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Mater- ials.	Total.	stuffs and Tobacco.	Goods prin- cipally Imported (a)	Goods prin- cipally Home Produced.	Total All Groups.
1936–37	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	97	99	98	98
1937–38	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	100	102	100	101
1938–39	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1947–48	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948–49	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949–50	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950–51	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951–52	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	305	300
1952–53	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	294	292	331	320
1953–54	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	313	271	343	321
19 <b>52–53—</b> March April May June	393	235	640	355	212	391	350	289	290	328	317
	392	235	643	348	203	391	349	299	288	336	322
	391	233	661	349	203	364	344	301	279	338	321
	392	233	621	348	199	364	342	305	283	338	322
July August September October November December January February March	391	225	583	329	198	365	336	315	275	346	325
	389	226	581	329	198	365	335	336	275	360	335
	389	226	576	329	199	364	335	331	276	357	333
	388	226	576	327	198	364	334	325	273	353	329
	388	223	574	327	197	365	333	311	270	342	321
	388	223	561	327	192	365	332	304	269	337	317
	384	223	564	327	190	365	331	305	271	336	317
	384	221	546	317	187	365	328	306	269	336	316
	389	222	545	317	183	365	330	304	269	335	316
April	390	217	553	316	186	359	328	306	266	337	316
May	390	217	563	316	184	359	329	306	266	338	316
June	384	218	569	316	182	358	327	308	267	337	316
July August September October November December January February March	384 384 385 385 393 393 396 399 400	217 216 216 211 211 212 215 215 214	569 529 527 505 491 507 p501 p505 p507	313 313 313 313 314 315 315 315 315	183 205 232 240 240 225 237 257 264	358 358 365 365 365 365 365 365 373 381	327 325 327 325 327 328 p330 p333 p336	308 308 308 303 305 307 p305 p313 p319	266 267 271 269 277 277 277 p279 p281 p282	337 336 336 332 331 333 p332 p340 p345	316 316 317 313 315 317 p316 p322 p326

<sup>(</sup>a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

### WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

		Australia.	Canada.	France.	India.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Sweden.	United Kingdom.	U.S.A.
Period.		Bureau of Census and Statistics.	Dominion Bureau of Statistics.	Inst. Nat. de la Stat.	Economic Adviser to the Gov- ernment of India.	Census and Statistics Depart- ment.	Bureau of Census and Statistics.	Board of Trade.	Board of Trade.	Bureau of Labour Statistics.
1936–37	• •	98 101 101	101 104 95	83 105 112	104 100 96	96 102 102	97 - 103 100	98 103 99	100 104 96	104 101 95
1949–50	•••	205 246 300 320 321	195 224 229 216 214	2,196 (c) 123 145 141 137	(b) 389 426 414 386 397	184 210 243 252 248	195 216 252 269 270	198 237 285 278 268	237 288 321 320 320	186 211 213 209 209
J954-55— July August September October November December January February March		316 316 317 313 315 317 p316 p322 p326	212 211 210 209 210 210 211	134 136 135 134 135 135	381 382 384 382 376 368 364 361 354	248 247 248 248 249 250	271 272 273 273 272 272 272 272 275 278	269 268 267 268 270 271 272 273	325 322 321 321 323 328 330 331 327	209 209 208 207 208 207 208 209 208

<sup>(</sup>a) New Series (linked as at January, 1947, to former series to show movement prior to that date). prior to July, 1947. Thereafter "General Purpose Series", on base: Year ended August, 1939 = 100. 1949 = 100.

### RETAIL PRICE INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a).)

		. (Das	se: Average o	1 ) years end	ieu Julie, 1757	-100(a).)		
			Australia.	Canada.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	United Kingdom.(a)	United States of America.
Pe	eriod.		Bureau of Census and Statistics.	Dominion Bureau of Statistics.	Census and Statistics Department.	Bureau of Census and Statistics.	Ministry of Labour.	Bureau of Labour Statistics.
1936–37		•••	97.3 99.8 102.9 152.8 166.9 190.6 233.7 255.0 262.2	98 102 100 158 160 172 186 184 184	96 101 103 142 146 159 176 185	97 101 102 155 159 168 182 194 199	Base: 17th June, 1947=100.  (b) 109 113 118 (c) 131 139 140	100 101 99 170 166 178 186 189
July August September October November December January February March		•••		185 186 186 186 186 185 185	} 199 { } 199 { } 201 {	199 200 203 203 204 204 204 205 206	145 144 143 144 145 145 146 146	191 190 190 190 190 189 189 189

<sup>(</sup>a) For bases of series for the United Kingdom, see notes (b) and (c). (b) New series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100: cannot be linked to former series. (c) From the month of February, 1952, the new series on base 15th January, 1952 = 100 has been linked to former series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100.

<sup>(</sup>b) "Sensitive Series"
(c) New Series. Base:

### "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base of each Group: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

	Retail P	rice Indexes : W	Veighted Aver	age of Six Capi	tal Cities.		rate Indexes:
Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	Food, &c., Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous ("C" Series).	Nominal Rates, Adult Males.	"Real "Wage, Adult Males.
1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	963 989 1,048	968 1,001 1,031	976 1,006 1,018	996 1,003 1,001	973 998 1,029	949 1,007 1,044	976 1,009 1,015
1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53	1,333 1,531 1,664 1,998 2,694 2,950 3,073	1,056 1,058 1,063 1,076 1,104 1,194 1,255	2,013 2,264 2,626 3,044 3,623 3,893 3,938	1,279 1,349 1,443 1,597 1,898 2,124 2,148	1,392 1,528 1,669 1,906 2,337 2,550 2,622	1,565 1,757 1,913 2,298 2,806 3,104 3,207	1,124 1,150 1,146 1,206 1,201 1,217 1,223
1949–50— March Quarter June ,,	1,685 1,740	1,063 1,065	2,636 2,764	1,461 1,473	1,682 1,730	1,927 1,976	1,146
1950–51 — September Quarter December " March " June "	1,809 1,932 2,048 2,203	1,066 1,068 1,084 1,087	2,831 2,946 3,040 3,357	1,492 1,555 1,630 1,710	1,773 1,853 1,932 2,067	2,026 2,291 2,367 2,507	1,143 1,236 1,225 1,213
1951–52— September Quarter December ,, March ,, June ,,	2,444 2,644 2,751 2,937	1,091 1,094 1,105 1,124	3,463 3,582 3,658 3,789	1,787 1,870 1,905 2,031	2,191 2,303 2,366 2,488	2,629 2,771 2,878 2,946	1,200 1,203 1,216 1,184
1952–53— September Quarter December ,, March ,, June ,,	2,966 2,908 2,943 2,981	1,156 1,181 1,212 1,227	3,808 3,884 3,912 3,967	2,103 2,121 2,134 2,138	2,524 2,530 2,558 2,586	3,054 3,102 3,110 3,150	1,210 1,226 1,216 1,218
1953–54— September Quarter December ,, March ,, June ,,	3,073 3,092 3,070 3,055	1,243 1,255	3,946 3,933 3,946 3,927	2,147 2,157	2,624 2,624	3,206	1,2 <b>22</b> 1,224
1954–55— September Quarter December ,, March ,,	3,037 3,063 3,124	1,310	3,924 3,939 3,934	2,147 2,132		3,233 3,269	1,234

<sup>(</sup>a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index number.

### "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX, HOURS AND WAGES.

(Hours and Wages relate to Adult Males.)

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania	Six Capitals or Six States.
1954: March Quarter— Retail Prices—"C" Series (a) Nominal weekly wage (a) "Real" , , , (a) Average weekly hours (a) Federal metrop. basic wage(b) State , , , ,	2,697 3,307 1,226 890 243/– (b) 243/–	2,595 3,157 1,217 889 235/– (c) 238/–	2,466 3,081 1,249 890 218/– (d) 225/–	2,549 3,108 1,219 890 231/– (b) 231/–	2,648 3,260 1,231 879 236/– (e) 246/6	2,748 3,311 1,205 890 242/– (b) 242/–	2,624 3,213 1,224 889 236/-
1954: June Quarter—  Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)  Nominal weekly wage (a)  "Real" " " " (a)  Average weekly hours (a)  Federal metrop. basic wage (b)  State " " "	2,676 3,309 1,237 890 243/– (b) 243/–	2,588 3,151 1,218 889 235/– (c) 237/–	2,439 3,098 1,270 890 218/– (d) 225/–	2,554 3,108 1,217 890 231/– (b) 231/–	2,791 3,260 1,168 879 236/– (e) 246/6	2,709 3,311 1,222 890 242/– (b) 242/–	2,621 3,214 1,226 889 236/-
1954: September Quarter—  Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)  Nominal weekly wage (a)  "Real", " (a)  Average weekly hours (a)  Federal metrop. basic wage (b)  State " " "	2,675 3,309 1,237 890 243/– (b) 243/–	2,563 3,146 1,227 889 235/– (c) 236/–	2,425 3,102 1,279 890 218/- (d) 225/-	2,581 3,108 1,204 890 231/– (b) 231/–	2,833 3,260 1,151 879 236/– (e) 246/6	2,700 3,311 1,226 890 242/– (b) 242/–	2,618 3,213 1,227 889 236/-
1954: December Quarter—  Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)  Nominal weekly wage (a)  "Real" , , , (a)  Average weekly hours (a)  Federal metrop. basic wage (b)  State , , , ,	2,697 3,326 1,233 890 243/– (b) 243/–	2,572 3,170 1,233 889 235/- (c) 234/-	2,456 3,106 1,265 890 218/– (d) 225/–	2,587 3,146 1,216 890 231/– (b) 231/–	2,822 3,270 1,159 879 236/– (e) 246/6	2,697 3,335 1,237 890 242/– (b) 242/–	2,631 3,233 1,229 889 236/-
1955: March Quarter—  Retail Prices—"C" Series  Nominal weekly wage (a) "Real" ,, (a)  Federal metrop. basic wage (b)  State ,, ,, ,,	(a) 2,712 3,369 1,242 243/– (b) 243/–	2,596 3,211 1,237 235/– (c) 235/–	2,475 3,129 1,264 218/– (d) 225/–	2,605 3,165 1,215 231/– (b) 231/–	2,835 3,290 1,160 236/– (e) 246/6	2,724 3,366 1,236 242/– (b) 242/–	2,649 3,269 1,234 236/-

<sup>(</sup>a) Base: Weighted Average Six Capitals (Retail Prices) or Six States (Wages and Hours) Average 3 years ended June, 1939=1,000. Retail prices index numbers are for the capital cities. (b) Automatic adjustments discontinued. The rates shown came into operation from beginning of first pay period commencing August, 1953. (c) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (d) Payable as from 1st February, 1954. (e) Payable as from 27th July, 1953.

### INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The list of items covered by the Interim Index is representative of a high proportion of expenditure of wage earner households. It is more comprehensive than that of the "C" Series Index and some of the principal food weights and group weights differ substantially from those used in the "C" Series Index. The weighting pattern and the list of component items in the "C" Series Index are relevant to the pre-war pattern of wage earner expenditure and consumption, whilst those of the Interim Index are relevant to conditions now current.

(Base of each Group: Year 1952-53 = 100.)

			Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.								
Peri	od.		Food.	Clothing and Drapery.	Rent.	Other Items.	Total All Groups.				
Year ended June—1951		 	67.9	78.1	90.3	76.3	74.9				
1952		 	89.4	93.8	92.6	91.3	91.4				
1953		 	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0				
1954		 	103.7	101.6	105.0	100.9	102.5				
Ouarter ended—											
1953—March		 	100.0	100.4	101.4	100.6	100.4				
June		 	101.7	102.0	102.6	100.7	101.6				
September		 	103.9	101.5	103.3	101.0	102.4				
December		 	103.4	101.6	103.9	100.5	102.2				
1954—March		 	104.0	101.8	104.9	101.2	102.7				
June		 	103.7	101.5	107.7	100.9	102.7				
September		 	103.0	101.6	108.9	101.2	102.7				
December		 	103.7	102.3	109.3	101.2	103.2				
1955—March		 	105.3	102.3	109.7	101.2	103.8				

### FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, &c., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946–47 to 1950–51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1953-54 and 1954-55 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base of each Group: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

	Year.		Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products Other than Wool.
1936–37			114 98	115 98	93 102	109 99	126 95	104 100
1938–39	• •		88	87	105	92	79	96
1946-47			194	182	157	185	187	185
1947–48 1948–49	• •	• •	267 234	263 313	183 197	247 260	301 366	230 225
1949–50 · · · 1950–51 · · ·		• •	272 291	396 818	228 258	316 505	483 1,098	261 308
1951–52	• •		355 364	501 531	332 387	410 440	552 623	363 3 <b>7</b> 9
1953–54	• •	• •	325 334	536 509	396 368	430 415	621 537	367 374

### SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base of each Group: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

		N	lew South W	Vales : Ordin	nary Shares.(	(a)		Queensland: Ordinary Shares.(b)			
Period.	23 Manufac- turing and Distribut- ing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 24 Miscel laneous).	34 Active shares in- cluded in foregoing. (c)	12 Industrials.	Financial and Trading.	24 Total of foregoing	
1936-37	989	1,059	1,010	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026	1,006	1,000	1,003	
	1,012	1,008	1,026	1,053	983	1,009	1,011	1,014	1,011	1,013	
	999	933	964	841	965	969	963	980	989	984	
1947-48	1,666	1,663	1,044	1,229	1,505	1,450	1,450	1,625	1,386	1,515	
1948-49	1,682	1,601	948	1,240	1,635	1,426	1,413	1,681	1,364	1,536	
1949-50	1,763	1,603	887	1,357	1,920	1,491	1,458	1,746	1,370	1,573	
1950-51	2,242	1,932	928	1,926	2,492	1,845	1,763	2,108	1,623	1,886	
1951-52	2,040	1,658	872	1,606	2,625	1,662	1,537	1,838	1,402	1,638	
1952-53	1,733	1,376	861	1,337	2,059	1,398	1,335	1,494	1,186	1,353	
1953-54	1,784	1,534	881	1,385	2,217	1,475	1,443	1,658	1,302	1,495	
1952–53— April May June	1,733	1,411	844	1,323	1,985	1,394	1,317	1,539	1,222	1,394	
	1,734	1,396	850	1,311	1,975	1,391	1,322	1,555	1,224	1,403	
	1,745	1,411	866	1,326	2,030	1,405	1,342	1,580	1,228	1,418	
July August September October November December January February March	1,773 1,784 1,780 1,745 1,733 1,760 1,810 1,812 1,805	1,413 1,456 1,483 1,508 1,509 1,523 1,566 1,574 1,554	871 871 876 859 856 842 866 887 927	1,360 1,387 1,381 1,345 1,345 1,361 1,357 1,358 1,386	2,086 2,171 2,185 2,203 2,193 2,227 2,314 2,375 2,372	1,425 1,451 1,460 1,445 1,441 1,458 1,500 1,509 1,508	1,377 1,411 1,429 1,409 1,403 1,424 1,480 1,481 1,475	1,610 1,635 1,647 1,660 1,671 1,676 1,665 1,675	1,242 1,245 1,265 1,276 1,280 1,294 1,313 1,330 1,326	1,442 1,456 1,472 1,483 1,492 1,501 1,503 1,517	
April	1,778	1,566	921	1,392	2,143	1,483	1,457	1,664	1,341	1,516	
May	1,793	1,611	895	1,445	2,187	1,499	1,479	1,659	1,351	1,517	
June	1,830	1,650	897	1,498	2,143	1,516	1,493	1,667	* 1,358	1,525	
July August September October November December January February March April	1,893 1,946 1,934 1,907 1,887 1,878 1,925 1,958 1,964	1,716 1,791 1,828 1,832 1,825 1,842 1,853 1,874 1,940	907 931 925 900 895 894 928 966 961	1,544 1,647 1,595 1,491 1,446 1,485 1,541 1,553 1,553	2,212 2,260 2,190 2,196 2,159 2,120 2,162 2,199 2,206 2,188	1,558 1,615 1,610 1,593 1,577 1,578 1,615 1,640 1,651	1,545 1,593 1,576 1,554 1,545 1,560 1,600 1,625 1,629	1,696 1,729 1,719 1,697 1,668 1,672 1,675 1,677 1,678	1,397 1,413 1,421 1,430 1,423 1,445 1,463 1,481 1,443 1,415	1,559 1,584 1,582 1,575 1,556 1,568 1,578 1,587 1,570	

<sup>(</sup>a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values. (b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April. 1928. (c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

### COMPARISON OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base of each Group: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

		Export	Prices.			Wholesal	e Prices.			Retail Prices.	
			All Groups.			Basic Ma	terials and Fo	oodstuffs.	Weigh	ited Average Capital Cities	of Six
Period.	Wool.	Excluding Wool.	Excluding Gold.	Total.	Basic Materials.				"C" Series Index.(b)		Interim Index.(c)
1936–37 1937–38	122 99	108 105	116 102	115 102	99 102	99 102	98 100	98 101	97.3 99.8	Base 1952-53 (Recom-	
1938–39 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53 1953–54	79 287 365 473 999 564 616 615	280 305 308 365 397 371 p356	296 348 399 690 495 505 <sub>P</sub> 496	283 332 383 654 473 483 p474	99 166 188 214 264 321 350 332	99 192 201 223 256 288 292 271	102 145 173 198 242 305 331 343	101 159 181 205 246 300 320 321	102.9 139.2 152.8 166.9 190.6 233.7 255.0 262.2	puted for purposes of com- parison) 74.8 91.7 100.0 102.8	74.9 91.4 100.0 102.5
1952-53— April May June	671 701 641	363 361 363	527 541 513	503 516 490	349 344 342	288 279 283	336 338 338	322 321 322	}258.6	101.4	101.6
July August September October November December January February March April May June	(d)641 (d)634 626 634 634 611 603 581 581 (d)596 618 622	369 367 365 363 360 358 354 350 p351 p348 p346 p346	516 511 506 509 508 495 489 476 p476 p482 p492 p494	493 488 484 486 485 473 468 455 p456 p461 p470 p472	336 335 335 334 333 332 331 328 330 328 329 327	275 275 276 273 270 269 •271 269 269 266 266 267	346 360 357 353 342 337 336 336 335 337 338 337	325 335 333 329 321 317 316 316 316 316	\}261.8 \}262.4 \}262.4 \}262.1	102.7 102.9 102.9 102.8	102.4 102.2 102.7 102.7
July August September October November December January February March	(d)622 566 566 536 513 532 p520 p528 p528	p338 p338 p339 p344 p343 p348 p346 p343 p341	p490 p461 p462 p450 p439 p451 p444 p446 p445	p468 p442 p442 p431 p421 p432 p426 p427 p426	325 327 328 p330 p333	p279 p281	p340	316 316 317 313 315 317 p316 p322 p320	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	102.6	102.7

<sup>(</sup>a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (c) See note at head of page 25. (d) Nominal.

### BUILDING PERMITS: SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by local government authorities. Excludes government buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 30.)

Period.	New I	Owellings.	Other New	Buildings.	Total New	Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Value.	Value.
Monthly Average—1936–37 (a)	1,122	£'000. 1,104 1,413 1,509	154 147 137	£'000. 474 472 424	1,276 1,541 1,600	£'000. 1,578 1,885 1,933	£'000. 408 422 420	£'000. 1,986 2,307 2,353
1946–47	. 2,209	2,976	156	512	2,365	3,488	596	4,084
1947–48( <i>b</i> ) 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53	2,621 3,045 3,558 2,736 2,506	3,649 4,457 5,770 7,857 6,703 6,472 7,747	124 110 113 151 165 303 328	453 440 460 1,062 1,270 1,744 2,539	2,505 2,731 3,158 3,709 2,901 2,809 2,991	4,102 4,897 6,230 8,919 7,973 8,216 10,286	585 680 899 1,507 1,727 1,829 2,071	4,687 5,577 7,129 10,426 9,700 10,045 12,357
Monthly Total						,	_,	
February . March . April May June	2,752 2,331 2,837	6,843 7,397 6,435 7,671 8,254	294 296 327 322 356	1,593 1,280 2,023 2,184 2,793	2,873 3,048 2,658 3,159 3,337	8,436 8,677 8,458 9,855	1,867 2,381 1,835 1,830 1,931	10,303 11,058 10,293 11,685 12,978
July	2,777 2,724 2,810 2,769 2,746 2,149 2,116	7,904 7,910 8,355 7,796 7,697 6,653 6,209 6,729	358 351 377 325 363 269 224 272	3,191 2,241 2,143 2,097 2,491 2,164 1,209 2,062	3,135 3,075 3,187 3,094 3,109 2,418 2,340 2,573	11,095 10,151 10,498 9,893 10,188 8,817 7,418 8,791	2,114 2,190 2,072 1,845 1,696 1,418 1,523 2,816	13,209 12,341 12,570 11,738 11,884 10,235 8,941 11,607
March April	2,996 2,835 2,808	8,568 8,002 8,497 8,650	366 338 317 372	3,016 3,372 2,413 4,072	3,362 3,173 3,125 3,303	11,584 11,374 10,910 12,722	2,169 2,248 1,994 2,767	13,753 13,622 12,904 15,489
July(c) August September October November December January February	3,759 4,108 4,464 3,847 3,797 3,225 2,706	11,010 12,219 13,238 11,550 11,359 9,699 8,284 10,907	416 452 426 374 388 274 269 387	4,605 2,851 3,821 2,821 6,381 2,578 3,709 4,273	4,175 4,560 4,890 4,221 4,185 3,499 2,975 3,982	15,615 15,070 17,059 14,371 17,740 12,277 11,993 15,180	2,788 2,576 3,019 2,424 2,755 1,897 1,983 2,219	18,403 17,646 20,078 16,795 20,495 14,174 13,976 17,399

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (b) From July, 1947, includes additional areas in the metropolitan area of Melbourne. See note (e) page 29. (c) From July, 1954, includes additional areas in the metropolitan area of Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart. See note (k) on page 29 and note (g) on page 30.

NOTE.—Building controls under National Security (Building Control) Regulations operated from 5th December, 1940, becoming

publication.

The "value of permits" shown above relates to the value of building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under the Regulations.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

Note.—Building controls under National Security (Building Control) Regulations operated from 5th December, 1940, becoming most stringent in 1942, when consent was required for all building other than alterations and additions costing less than £25. These controls were progressively relaxed after 1945 and have now ceased to exist in all States. For more detailed notes see earlier issues of this publication.

### BUILDING OPERATIONS: METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

				(30 000.)						
		Australia.		Ne	ew South W	ales.	Victoria.			
	Govern- ment.	Priv	ate.(a)	Govern- ment. (b)	Pri	vate.	Govern- ment.	Pri	vate.	
Period.	Common- wealth and State.	Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas.	Commonwealth and State.  Commonwealth Area.  Sydney recorded areas.  Area.  Other recorded areas.  See Note A.		Common- wealth and State.	Melbourne Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note B.		
1937–38 1938–39 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53	n.a. 108 2,009 1,992 2,751 4,348 3,631 2,772	(c)1,986 (c)2,307 (c)2,353 (e) 4,687 5,577 7,129 10,426 9,700 10,045	(d)627 (d)764 (d)755 (f)3,151 3,832 4,863 (h)8,568 7,877 7,671	n.a. 187 1,044 904 985 1,964 1,603 923	848 1,093 1,111 1,705 2,089 2,625 3,610 2,679 2,799	416 506 495 (g)1,985 2,432 3,101 4,519 3,717 3,542	n.a. 107 545 675 1,067 1,428 960 1,129	667 669 702 (e)1,650 1,804 2,218 3,187 2,831 2,906	62 78 63 126 211 217 (h)2,031 1,947 1,931	
1953–54 . 1952–53— March Quarter June ,,		9,656 11,652	9,686 7,499 8,802	1,912 1,334 1,094	3,553 2,703 3,576	4,622 3,507 4,232	1,637 660 834	3,890 2,769 3,155	2,303 1,626 2,190	
1953–54— September " December " March " June "	4,105 4,626 3,839 (i) 5,846	12,706 11,285 11,434 14,005	9,766 9,311 8,804 10,859	1,923 2,356 1,189 2,180	3,807 3,166 3,498 3,742	4,578 4,505 4,248 5,156	1,496 1,432 1,407 2,215	3,708. 3,813 3,277 4,764	2,469 2,178 1,973 2,591	
1954–55— September ,, December ,, March ,,	<b>4,7</b> 73 5,845	j 18,709 17,154	(j) 8,844 8,240	1,812 2,098 2,451	(k)6,419 6,350 5,393	(k)3,821 3,582 3,022	1,485 1,998 1,477	(k)5,643 5,334 5,426	(k)2,062 1,774 1,635	
Monthly Total—  1954–55— August . September . October . November . December . January . February . March .	n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a. 4,395 n.a.	17,646 20,078 16,795 20.495 14,174 13,976 17,399	n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a.	1,067 2,796 2,225 1,546 2,523 2,195 900	6,253 6,825 5,710 8,534 4,807 4,456 5,915 5,808	3,764 3,484 3,486 3,763 3,496 2,423 3,160 3,483	1,927 1,433 1,604 1,579 2,809 979 1,813 1,641	5,454 6,011 5,592 6,059 4,351 r4,191 5,429 6,657	1,972 1,713 1,856 2,007 1,459 1,407 1,632 1,865	

(a) See note (a) on page 30. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) From July, 1947, the metropolitan area of Melbourne includes some additional areas. For details see September, 1954, issue of this publication. (f) See A, below and C, E and F, page 30. (g) See A below. (h) See B below. (i) See note (f), page 30. (j) See note (k), this page and note (g), page 30. (k) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see September, 1954, issue of this publication.

### NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.

B. Includes the Cities of Ballaarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

### BUILDING OPERATIONS: METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£,000)

1			Queensland	l.	So	uth Austra		We	stern Austr	ralia.	Tasmania.			
		Govern- ment.		ate.(a)	Govern- ment.(b)	Priva	te.(a)	Govern- ment.	Priv	ate.(a)	Govern- ment.		ite.(a)	
Period.		Common- wealth and State.	Brisbane Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note C.	Common wealth and State.	Adelaide Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note D.	Common- wealth and State.	Perth Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note E.	Common- wealth and State.	Hobart Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note F.	
Monthly Average 1936-37 1937-38 1938-39 1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1952-53— March June		n.a. n.a. 34 141 116 198 357 228 232 (f) 303	153 167 171 557 610 827 1,106 1,426 1,376 1,299	98 114 118 (c) 692 721 868 1,061 1,107 1,209 1,404	n.a. n.a. 22 132 105 217 216 377 226 320	118 173 192 418 564 727 1,174 1,386 1,525 1,485	32 48 63 91 132 188 215 265 336 379	n.a. n.a. 38 115 145 197 270 379 219 314	168 174 145 238 338 499 1,027 1,120 1,157 1,749	n.a. n.a. 60 70 111 274 347 320 548	n.a. n.a. 20 32 47 87 113 84 43 117	32 31 32 (d) 119 172 233 322 258 282 380 257 326	19 18 16 (e)197 266 378 468 494 333 430 357 368	
1953–54— Sept. Dec. March June 1954–55— Sept. Dec.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	151 165 345 (f) 553 541 467	1,450 1,262 1,285 1,199 1,591 1,322	1,431 1,392 1,404 1,388 1,385 1,526	263 298 343 375 426 715	1,654 1,244 1,321 1,722 2,084 1,837	390 321 365 439 443 395	234 273 444 307 399 352	1,573 1,539 1,647 2,239 2,399 1,918	487 489 473 743 645 537	38 102 111 216 110 215	514 261 406 339 (g) 573 393	411 426 341 542 (g) 488 426	
Mar.  Monthly Tot  1954–55— August Septemb October Novembe Decembe January February March	er	n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a. 550	1,614 1,605 1,948 1,345 1,460 1,162 1,746 1,578 1,519	1,351 1,344 1,856 1,568 1,155 1,887 1,408	472 406 1,277 464 403 144 133 239	1,988 2,176 1,722 1,939 1,851 1,786 2,267	n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a.	358 440 359 282 414 308	2,001 2,614 2,124 2,042 1,589 1,437 1,763 1,548	(35 733 563 571 475 300 342 524	147 70 66 181 399 219 88 291	345 504 302 461 414 360 r447 371	501 525 317 508 452 454 569 438	

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local Government authorities.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.
(c) See C below.
(d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes the whole metropolitan area of Hobart.
(e) See F below.
(f) From June quarter, 1954, includes the approvals of Hospital Boards not previously collected.
(g) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas." For details see September, 1954, issue of this publication.

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes local government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

### VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.) (£'000)

						2000.)					
Period.		(	commenced			Completed.		Under Construction at end of period.			
			Houses.	Other. Total.		Houses.	Houses. Other.		Houses.(a)	Other.	Total (a)
				0	uarterly	Average	S.	-			
1947-48			a17,900	5,138	a23,038	a13,307	2,389	a15,696	66,509	33,588	100,097
1948-49			a22,277	6,940	a29,217	a18,331	3,932	a22,263	86,832	49,135	135,967
1949-50			a27,516	8,014	a35,530	a22,446	5,251	a27,697	115,714	61,119	176,833
1950-51			a40,478	14,615	a55,093	a31,222	6,258	a37,480	162,481	91,632	254,113
1951-52			44,951	16,224	61,175	43,110	10,876	53,986	187,631	125,534	313,165
1952-53			39,358	13,909	53,267	47,514	18,169	65,683	167,584	115,629	283,213
1953-54			48,471	24,220	72,691	48,273	20,962	69,235	172,893	121,461	294,354
			}		Quarterl	y Totals.					
1952-53-					1			1			
Dec.	Qtr.		36,393	10,105	46,498	49,861	17,955	67,816		118,508	288,753
March	,,		40,185	14,086	54,271	45,965	19,065	65,030	166,184	114,549	280,733
June	,,		43,709	18,352	62.061	45,625	18,772	64,397	167,584	115,629	283,213
1953-54-											
Sept.	,,		48,458	21,564	70,022	46,816	21,712	68,528	173,099	115,881	288,980
Dec.	,,		46,817	18,942	65,759	53,584	20,043	73,627	168,113	115,353	283,466
March	,,		48,338	25,053	73,391	43,544	20,830	64,374	173,784	121,134	294,918
June	,,		50,271	31,323	81,594	49,148	21,262	70,410	176,576	133,478	310,054
1954–55—											
Sept.			53,410	32,409	85,819	50,908	23,258	74,166	181,231	142,818	324,049
Dec.	"		51,482	26,217	77,699	55,636	23,666	79,302	179,337		325,334
200.	,,		3.,	,	, , , , , ,	,		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	,557	,	, , , , , , , ,

### VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED,

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

				(200	70.)				
Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.	
Quarterly Average 1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 1950-51	e	(a)6,076 (a)8,434 (a)10,230 (a)12,367	4,473 6,839 8,671 13,014	2,598 3,050 3,488 4,322	1,020 1,621 2,268 3,010	832 1,177 1,338 2,237	570 953 1,336 2,101	127 189 366 429	(a)15,696 (a)22,263 (a)27,697 (a)37,480
1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 <b>Quarterly Total</b> -		19,052 24,512 25,386	17,154 19,027 21,005	6,335 6,558 6,478	4,531 6,471 6,527	3,606 5,730 6,446	2,628 2,666 2,423	680 718 970	53,986 65,682 69,235
1952–53— Dec. Qtr. March ., June ,,	• •	25,008 26,233 24,223	18,943 18,453 17,664	6,892 5,999 7,090	6,86 <b>0</b> 6,481 6,309	6,448 4,876 5,859	2,700 2,495 2,603	965 493 649	67,816 65,030 64,397
1953–54— Sept. ,, Dec. ,, March ,, June ,,	• •	24,296 26,550 23,292 27,407	22,463 22,926 19,636 18,993	6,627 6,732 5,666 6,888	5,941 6,584 6,569 7,014	6,308 7,274 5,621 6,582	2,283 2,223 2,741 2,445	610 1,338 849 1,081	68,528 73,627 64,374 70,410
1954–55— Sept. ,, Dec. ,,	• •	27,119 29,834	22,316 23,231	5,933 7,394	7,420 7,287	7,951 8,151	2,594 2,503	833 902	74,166 79,302

# NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES. (Including Owner-built Houses.)

		(Inclu	ding Owner	r-built Ho	uses.)			
Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
			Сомме	NCED.				
Quarterly Average—1947-48	(a)4,952	3,870	2,382	895	768	516	98	(a)13,481
1948–49	(a)5,323	4,122	2,340	1,140	961	712	134	(a)14,732
1949–50	(a)5,514	4,911	2,502	1,527	1,258	916	97	(a)16,725
1950–51 1951–52	(a)6,292 6,091	6,737 5,877	2,675 2,999	1,991 2,128	1,742 1,932	1,030 896	219 78	(a)20,686 20,001
1951–52	5,258	4,064	2,345	1,992	1,753	571	132	16,115
1953–54	7,099	5,229	2,128	1,698	1,902	666	89	18,811
Quarterly Total—	F 000	4 400	0.11			10#		
1952–53—Mar. Qtr.	5,203 6,121	4,423 4,479	2,117 2,265	1,729 2,052	1,842 1,760	695 524	185 82	16,194 17,283
June ,, 1953–54—Sept. ,,	6,788	5,294	2,207	1,907	1,780	683	72	18,945
Dec. "	7,283	5,173	1,957	1,591	- 1,741	595	72	18,412
Mar. "	7,197	5,234	2,225	1,499	1,909	663	92	18,819
June "	7,127	5,214	2,114	1,795	1,974	724	119	19,067
1954–55—Sept. ,, Dec. ,,	6,889 6,440	6,025 5,609	2,097 1,982	1,653 1,745	2,466 2,283	641 627	88 139	19,859 18,825
Mar. ,	0,770	J,009	1,702	1,740	2,20)	027	139	p18,298
,,			Сомрь	ETED.		,		p.0,270
Quarterly Average		2.072	2.200					
1947–48 1948–49	(a)3,715 (a)4,466	2,962 3,570	2,300 2,338	752 997	693 811	386 572	68 81	(a)10,876
1949–50	(a)4,400 (a)4,692	3,902	2,362	1,226	877	713	101	(a)12,835 (a)13,873
1950–51	(a)4,943	5,290	2,569	1,680	1,290	979	144	(a)16,895
1951–52	5,837	5,988	2,951	1,928	1,644	1,000	146	19,494
1952–53	6,222	5,258	2,650	2,235	1,991	829	147	19,332
1953-54 Quarterly Total—	6,628	5,275	2,240	1,881	1,907	658	138	18,727
1952–53—Mar. Qtr.	6,368	4,905	2,473	2,071	1,630	704	105	18,256
June "	5,918	4,889	2,626	2,041	1,981	718	141	18,314
1953–54—Sept. "	5,918	5,626	2,266	1,973	1,893	608	124	18,408
Dec. ,, Mar. ,,	7,394 6,048	5,994 4,776	2,430 2,034	2,051 1,682	2,138 1,621	661 562	203 98	20,871 16,821
June	7,153	4,705	2,231	1,816	1,975	799	127	18,806
1954–55—Sept. "	7,295	5,363	1,766	1,951	1,970	543	108	18,996
Dec. "	7,680	5,828	2,068	1,993	2,340	715	133	20,757
Mar. ,,	Y 7			Г	D (1)			p18,634
1947–48	19,686		STRUCTION A	3,203			401	46,549
1040 40	23,113	17,521	3,958	3,203 3,940	2,439	2,575	491 696	54,242
1949–50	26,402	21,553	4,520	5,241	3,957	3,357	678	65,708
1950–51	31,793	27,341	4,943	6,529	5,764	3,558	981	80,909
1951–52	32,806	26,896	5,135	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	83,000
1952–53 1953–54	28,946 30,828	22,053 21,865	3,918 3,470	6,464 5,750	5,951 5,932	2,114 2,149	646 449	70,092 70,443
1953–54	28,743	22,506	4,279	6,450	6,185	2,308	706	71,177
June ,,	28,946	22,053	3,918	6,464	5,951	2,114	646	70,092
1953–54—Sept. "	29,816	21,721	3,869	6,422	6,042	2,189	594	70,653
Dec. ,, Mar. ,,	29,705 30,854	20,900 21,358	3,396 3,587	5,960 5,778	5,645 5,933	2,123 2,224	463 457	68,192
June ,	30,828	21,865	3,470	5,750	5,932	2,149	449	70,191 70,443
1954–55—Sept. ,,	30,422	22,527	3,801	5,447	6,428	2,247	429	71,301
Dec. "	29,182	22,308	3,715	5,198	6,371	2,159	435	69,368
Mar. ,,								p69,142

<sup>(</sup>a) Partly estimated

<sup>(</sup>b) Partly estimated for New South Wales and total.

### PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

	]	Black Coal.					ight and wer.	Metals.					
Period.	Under- ground.	Open Cut.	Total.	Brown Coal.	Gold, (Mine Pro- duction). (a)	Gas made in Gas- works.	Total Elec- tricity Gener- ated.	Pig Iron.	Ingot Steel.	Zinc, Refined.	Lead, Refined and Lead in Lead Bullion. (b)	Copper, Refined.	
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 fine	Million	Million kWh.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	
Monthly Average— 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53 1953–54 p	n.a. n.a. n.a. 1,066 1,039 1,124 1,245 1,254 1,362	n.a. n.a. n.a. 178 204 245 353 292 256	977 990 1,051 1,231 1,244 1,243 1,369 1,598 1,546 1,618	258 300 267 535 586 636 608 675 673 728	108.2 123.3 135.1 75.5 74.9 71.6 74.3 75.7 86.5 92.6	1,679 1,746 1,789 3,025 3,061 2,908 3,075 3,366 3,439 3,518	331 363 391 697 754 792 875 941 1,024 1,135	(c) 76.1 77.5 92.1 103.0 87.1 91.5 109.4 119.2 141.0 152.5	(c) 90.0 97.2 97.5 112.1 98.2 101.5 120.3 126.8 150.1	5,840 5,810 5,819 5,784 6,298 6,981 6,478 7,011 7,181 8,263	17,562 18,797 19,416 14,497 17,017 15,784 15,682 15,680 16,030 19,669	1,280 1,437 1,457 1,290 939 968 936 1,483 1,595 1,979	
Monthly Total— 1952–53— March April May June	1,319	287	1,606	663	88.7	3,221	1,052	166.2	162.7	7,422	19,292	1,340	
	1,153	251	1,404	666	82.5	3,220	1,017	159.4	156.9	7,110	18,714	2,038	
	1,125	257	1,382	750	84.7	3,684	1,121	147.2	170.3	7,285	18,045	943	
	1,151	278	1,429	705	97.2	3,876	1,160	151.9	171.7	6,754	18,910	2,802	
July August September October November December January February March	1,523	299	1,822	710	79.4	4,108	1,195	156.3	188.4	7,070	21,590	269	
	1,435	272	1,707	705	107.4	3,992	1,155	158.3	186.9	7,445	20,062	272	
	1,463	290	1,753	704	86.8	3,639	1,109	151.5	171.0	7,403	19,934	828	
	1,457	280	1,737	750	88.5	3,556	1,125	162.5	187.8	8,394	21,256	2,007	
	1,414	255	1,669	730	93.2	3,322	1,085	157.3	181.7	8,405	16,387	2,830	
	1,101	204	1,305	626	106.3	3,185	1,062	161.7	167.1	8,806	21,130	1,066	
	979	187	1,166	649	82.7	3,042	1,036	158.8	180.4	8,546	22,190	3,463	
	1,251	209	1,460	675	86.0	2,902	1,020	135.5	151.7	7,883	18,332	2,829	
	1,533	284	1,817	765	100.5	3,321	1,181	144.2	178.6	8,921	17,973	2,365	
April	1,285	259	1,544	761	91.3	3,284	1,126	143.5	177.1	8,677	17,883	3,633	
May	1,448	2 <b>7</b> 2	1,720	817	93.9	3,841	1,246	148.4	187.2	8,954	19,523	2,037	
June	1,472	<b>24</b> 8	1,720	838	95.6	4,029	1,282	145.6	176.0	8,650	19,763	2,154	
July August September October November December January February March	1,500	260	1,760	842	98.1	4,310	1,359	159.6	202.4	9,050	23,634	1,457	
	1,462	284	1,746	808	90.4	4,140	1,321	155.0	193.2	9,029	21,680	1,760	
	1,564	267	1,831	833	97.1	3,831	1,255	169.0	197.3	8,680	19,470	2,446	
	r1,501	r225	1,726	819	88.6	3,680	1,243	174.2	200.9	8,876	20,422	3,239	
	r1,534	246	1,780	826	95.5	3,421	1,212	160.6	189.5	8,496	19,895	3,265	
	r1,256	r222	1,478	698	97.5	3,272	1,189	164.7	189.2	8,761	18,333	3,250	
	r733	r171	r904	711	79.1	3,080	1,162	158.7	173.6	8,763	18,622	2,247	
	1,404	159	r1,563	r730	77.0	2,947	1,164	137.3	156.3	7,820	14,805	3,072	
	1,472	166	1,638	828	93.8	3,326	1,310	156.6	182.2	8,197	17,303	1,557	

<sup>(</sup>a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia. twelve months ended May.

<sup>(</sup>b) Source: Australian Mines and Metals Association.

<sup>(</sup>c) Monthly averages for

# PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

1077 T. 1477-400-100-1	31.00	Building Materials. Cooking Stoves.										
Period.	Clay	Roofing		Cement	Sawn Native		Fibrous	Solid		Electric.	Domestic Refrigera-	
	Bricks.	Terra- cotta.	Cement.	Building Sheets.	Timber.	Portland Cement.	Plaster Sheets.	Fuel. (b)	Gas.(b)	(c)	tors.	
Monthly Average—	Million.	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	53.1 57.4 60.0	2,630 3,023 3,307	326 430 374	522 678 791	53.6 62.2 59.8	60.0 71.0 72.3	567 619 634	n.a. 4,562 4,538	n.a. 3,481 3,894	n.a. 749 730	n.a. 1,257 2,458	
1947–48	48.2	3,483	1,689	1,641	93.1	84.4	977	4,438	3,309	2,532	9,362	
1948–49	51.4 50.3 57.4 59.6 54.9 64.5	3,680 3,785 3,918 4,072 4,831 5,338	2,358 3,387 4,230 5,540 3,338 3,781	1,547 1,529 1,771 1,944 2,022 2,236	98.7 101.9 105.1 116.0 111.6 117.1	86.0 97.3 102.9 103.1 119.9 143.1	1,103 1,105 1,265 1,373 1,285 r1,328	5,120 5,155 6,251 5,975 3,994 4,131	4,130 3,892 4,613 4,251 2,978 3,664	3,494 2,865 3,733 4,240 1,883 3,035	12,134 13,528 16,994 16,066 15,179 23,064	
Monthly												
Total— 1952-53— March April May June	60.9 58.6 59.3 63.6	5,176 5,067 5,243 5,336	3,148 2,995 2,719 2,896	2,055 1,910 2,400 2,028	110.8 107.3 123.9 120.9	129.1 136.6 140.0 133.5	1,384 1,291 1,295 1,277	3,802 3,851 4,139 3,871	3,418 3,300 3,271 3,241	2,213 2,310 2,128 2,514	14,007 12,136 13,266 12,739	
July August September October November December January February	66.1 61.1 69.0 68.0 65.4 58.1 48.9 60.1	5,723 5,362 5,926 5,461 5,512 4,716 3,919 5,040	3,802 3,701 4,060 3,992 4,072 3,848 2,617 3,451	2,354 2,393 2,217 2,353 2,234 1,785 1,706 2,244	131.2 124.7 126.8 126.0 116.1 109.9 91.2 106.5	141.3 138.8 137.2 146.5 135.1 133.4 118.2 121.3	r1,338 r1,306 r1,344 r1,361 r1,400 r1,157 r1,013 r1,319	5,069 4,472 5,366 4,098 3,969 3,272 2,536 3,220	3,850 3,780 4,048 4,040 3,789 3,407 2,439 3,045	2,512 2,331 2,989 2,965 3,047 2,415 2,308 2,673	17,630 17,546 22,194 28,865 30,726 31,892 25,350 23,333	
March April May June	72.0 64.5 68.6 72.2	5,662 5,183 5,723 5,829	4,064 3,585 3,973 4,205	2,560 1,961 2,551 2,477	115.5 114.5 120.2 123.1	156.2 145.4 173.5 170.2	r1,458 r1,345 r1,439 r1,459	3,948 3,847 4,740 5,032	3,987 2,930 4,096 4,552	3,860 3,382 3,810 4,123	21,975 18,399 17,967 20,896	
July August September October November December January February March	r71.8 r74.7 r74.8 r72.5 r75.1 r60.9 r49.7 r66.2 73.4	5,356 5,703 5,900 5,569 5,612 4,815 3,734 5,480 5,483	r4,434 r4,588 r4,800 r4,518 r4,982 r4,001 r3,357 r4,637 4,960	2,656 2,446 2,570 2,621 2,336 2,088 1,612 2,370 2,342	122.5 117.3 129.3 126.0 131.1 120.6 90.2 112.6	171.0 170.1 163.5 169.1 171.9 153.3 142.5 136.9 160.8		2,465 3, <b>7</b> 39	4,415 5,115 5,614 5,188 5,431 4,611 2,823 4,654 5,352	4,098 3,572 3,766 3,735 3,719 3,841 2,532 4,217 4,751	r22,153	

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes sawn sleepers. (b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only. (c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only. (d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation.

## PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

		Cotton	Textiles.			Wool Textiles.			
Period.		Cotton Yarn.	Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).	Pure Rayon Fabrics.	Scoured and Carbonized Wool.	Yarn.	Woven Cloth.	Boots and Shoes (not Rubber).	
	-	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	Million lb.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	'000 pairs.	
Monthly Average— 1936-37 1937-38 1938-39		730 965 974	n.a. n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a. n.a.	8.4 7.9 8.8	2.14 2.51 2.71	2.04 2.47 2.65	1,208 1,176 1,164	
1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53 1953–54 p	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	2,368 2,290 2,519 2,938 2,872 2,302 3,161	1,960 2,133 2,398 2,537 2,617 2,052 2,677	369.2 475.5 548.5 905.0 905.4 1,289.3 r1,732.7	14.8 13.5 14.4 12.7 10.1 10.3 11.3	4.28 4.24 4.09 3.87 3.04 2.97 3.73	3.42 3.40 3.11 3.13 2.44 2.38 r2.75	1,351 1,287 1,284 1,409 1,400 1,354 1,495	
Monthly Total—  1952–53—  March  April  May  June		2,463 2,570 2,356 2,632	1,917 2,378 2,009 2,353	1,397.8 1,610.5 1,822.7 1,580.9	11.5 11.4 11.7 15.5	3.44 3.51 3.68 3.50	2.86 2.92 3.05 2.91	1,431 1,412 1,501 1,526	
1953-54 p— July August September October November December January February March		2,994 2,798 3,345 2,960 3,136 2,899 2,214 3,070 3,963	2,504 2,330 2,595 2,633 2,692 2,242 1,786 2,424 3,287	1,924.8 1,822.4 1,859.1 2,023.9 1,728.9 1,405.0 1,369.1 r1,752.9 r1,795.5	12.7 10.9 11.6 11.2 11.9 10.8 8.4 9.8 12.7	3.72 3.75 3.95 3.86 3.82 3.20 2.41 3.67 4.18	r2.74 r2.87 r3.01 r2.92 r3.04 r2.44 2.05 r2.79 r3.26	1,656 1,565 1,644 1.610 1,576 1,304 949 1,350	
April May June		2,999 3,566 3,983	2,752 3,192 3,343	r1,736.3 r1,556.7 r1,818.2	11.0 11.9 12.7	3.77 4.04 4.53	r2.51 r2.71 r2.68	1,452 1,562 1,621	
July August September October November December January February March		3,785 3,628 3,875 3,458 3,612 3,040 2,424 3,423 3,901	3,094 2,954 3,101 2,931 3,016 2,402 2,048 2,633 3,002	1,764.2 1,480.6 1,302.7 1,306.9 1,354.1 1,108.5 799.9 1,271.4 1,405.9	11.8 12.4 10.5 11.4 12.2 10.0 8.5 10.6	3.73 3.77 3.95 3.75 3.87 2.92 2.39 3.42 3.95	2.36 2.55 2.72 2.52 2.72 2.06 1.75 2.46 2.57	1,506 1,567 1,571 1,492 1,555 1,258 834 1,355 1,572	

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

## PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

			Hosiery.		Underv	wear.(b)	
Period.		Men's and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.	Infants' and Babies'.(a)	Men's, Youths' and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.	Shirts, Men's and Boys'.
	Allemanaga (Allemanaga Allemana) ka (Allemana) ka (Alleman	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.
1937–38		83.1 86.7 91.9	157.1 183.7 178.0	49.1 52.0 51.0	22	1.8 7.6 9.2	(c) 60.6 (c) 69.9 (c) 56.2
1948–49		105.4 106.3 99.3	130.6 128.0 142.4	59.8 58.8 54.7	26	4.7 4.0 4.2	(c) 66.7 (c) 71.3 (c) 73.7
1951–52 . 1952–53 .		128.0 121.8 131.2 156.7	154.8 155.6 194.8 233.7	46.9 38.9 35.5 46.9	107.7 105.6 92.9 120.1	201.9 196.6 175.2 218.0	89.5 96.5 71.5 93.7
April . May		140.8 143.6 139.1 151.4	228.8 213.1 218.8 228.3	44.4 37.2 45.4 45.8	101.1 101.3 104.3 105.2	187.0 186.4 187.7 186.6	63.7 61.0 62.8 77.6
August September October November December January February		170.6 163.0 183.6 169.6 176.9 148.6 103.8 142.1 177.6	251.6 224.4 249.2 239.1 233.0 208.2 151.6 214.7 272.8	53.4 51.8 52.6 48.0 46.7 39.4 28.1 42.7 54.2	127.9 113.5 133.9 126.9 132.0 112.7 76.3 110.0 135.8	r231.0 r212.5 r251.0 r202.3 243.0 199.8 r138.0 r196.8 r253.0	99.8 97.2 119.4 r129.7 r136.3 r109.4 r55.8 r83.5 r108.6
May		138.8 147.9 159.0	236.5 258.5 264.2	45.1 50.2 50.4	118.5 128.5 124.9	r203.6 r218.1 r232.3	r94.1 r104.3 r113.6
September . October . November . December . January .		149.4 155.7 162.6 155.0 163.1 142.7 88.3 125.3 154.6	275.2 268.4 289.6 263.3 281.5 225.4 159.6 240.6 267.0	48.7 49.6 35.8 43.4 32.9 28.6 16.3 38.8 43.1	123.9 121.3 135.9 109.3 131.2 113.2 74.9 115.6 115.0	r251.8 r240.3 r270.8 r234.0 r257.3 r223.9 141.7 218.5 236.0	r132.1 r144.6 r161.5 r156.2 r162.1 r114.7 r54.8 88.7 101.6

<sup>(</sup>a) Collected as children's prior to 1951-52. (b) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric. (c) Excludes knitted.

For meaning of symbols r, p, \_\_\_\_, see page 1.

### PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

					Products (F Production)			Meat	(Bone-in W	eight).(a)		
Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Whole Milk for All Purposes.	Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef (in- cluding Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Total Pigmeats (as Pork).	Total.	Beer.
	'000 short	'000 tons.	Million gals.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.(c)	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.
Monthly Average— 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	102.4 104.2 114.4	27.0 28.9 28.2	89.9 96.4 99.1	13,908 15,242 16,232	1,636 2,018 2,415	n.a. n.a. 2,781	45.9 49.7 46.6	16.0 17.2 17.1	9.94 9.92 9.55	7.71 7.16 7.24	79.6 84.0 80.5	6,261 7,084 7,523
1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54p	133.2 139.9 125.8 141.3 143.4 143.9 133.4	36.3 35.7 35.2 37.6 41.1 36.7 38.3	97.8 101.1 103.5 100.0 87.6 101.5 99.1	13,132 13,424 14,037 13,303 10,931 13,632 13,021	3,453 3,596 3,731 3,692 3,382 3,883 4,102	6,509 7,304 7,464 7,069 6,360 r6,951 6,103	46.8 48.1 50.5 54.3 48.5 56.2 58.9	13.8 15.1 17.2 13.5 14.7 20.8 19.4	10.80 11.59 12.69 9.37 8.88 12.17	7.48 7.82 7.52 7.11 7.07 6.91 7.03	78.9 82.6 87.9 84.3 79.2 96.1 96.0	10,561 12,171 13,009 14,397 15,398 16,446 17,792
Monthly Total— 1952-53— Mar Apr May June	148.5 141.6 165.2 163.2	36.0 32.7 31.9 31.6	99.7 78.7 67.5 61.9	14,063 10,440 8,286 7,181	2,616 1,739 1,474 1,479	r5,238 r3,440 r2,631 r2,464	56.3 56.5 67.6 73.6	24.0 20.5 18.4 17.5	9.31 8.98 8.30 7.55	7.06 6.91 6.80 6.54	96.7 92.9 101.1 105.2	18,213 16,319 16,031 15,797
1953–54p—  July  Aug  Sept  Oct  Nov  Dec  Jan  Feb  Mar	170.7 149.6 141.5 134.0 140.1 118.8 121.5 108.1 124.7	37.0 38.4 37.7 36.0 38.5 37.6 42.7 36.2 44.6	62.9 77.0 102.2 131.0 141.5 134.7 121.5 108.1	6,951 8,919 12,798 17,504 19,664 18,606 17,051 15,416 15,468	1,986 3,327 5,397 7,372 7,392 6,645 5,093 3,614 3,094	3,096 5,136 7,730 9,904 10,175 9,677 7,520 5,496 5,125	71.6 66.9 59.6 56.5 51.0 50.2 47.0 46.9 57.7	16.3 15.7 15.1 18.8 23.7 23.8 22.3 22.1 20.9	7.65 7.55 10.11 14.84 18.42 15.50 11.25 8.14 9.18	7.46 6.55 6.29 6.90 7.80 9.22 5.71 5.61 7.58	103.0 96.7 91.1 97.0 100.9 98.7 86.3 82.8 95.4	14,658 15,339 17,034 18,141 19,238 21,596 19,962 16,604 20,734
April May June	115.6 146.6 129.9	37.5 39.0 33.9	78.3 66.1 58.9	9,936 7,651 6,298	1,907 1,667 1,725	4,071 2,922 2,378	54.5 68.6 75.8	18.1 17.6 18.0	8.41 8.38 9.13	7.06 6.90 7.30	88.1 101.5 110.2	18,244 16,785 15,176
1954–55p—  July  Aug  Sept  Oct  Nov  Dec  Jan  Feb  Mar	124.7 121.3 112.2 113.6 120.9 136.4 131.4 134.6 151.4	37.1 42.9 42.5 44.6 43.6 43.7 40.0 36.8 37.7	64.4 87.3 117.5 148.2 163.2 159.8 130.8 111.4	6,923 10,913 16,304 21,842 25,038 24,739 19,700 16,612 16,672	2,426 3,748 5,411 6,643 6,645 5,897 4,087 2,724 2,451	3,169 4,592 6,585 7,986 8,288 7,682 6,209 4,638 4,017	75.3 63.3 61.1 59.4 57.4 56.4 46.1 49.1 58.0	16.2 16.5 18.4 21.0 21.7 21.5 21.5 21.1 21.5	8.98 10.88 15.54 22.87 19.09 15.60 9.69 8.95 9.18	7.75 7.60 8.03 7.23 9.24 10.94 6.89 7.40 8.45	108.2 98.3 103.1 110.5 107.4 104.5 84.2 86.5 97.1	15,076 16,536 19,074 20,313 20,787 22,139 20,657 20,383 21,541

<sup>(</sup>c) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

b) In terms of fresh meat.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

			Chemicals	and Allied	Products.			Motor Bodie	5.	Pneumati
	Tobacco,				Paints.				1	Tyres— Motor
Period.	Cigars and Cigarettes.	Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Super- phosphate.	Ready- Mixed Paint.	Lacquers, Nitro- Cellulose.	Enamels, Natural and Synthetic.	Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.	Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, &c
	'000 lb.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.	No.	No.	No.	'000.
<b>Monthly Average</b> — 1936–37	1,805 1,904 1,939	36.4 41.3 40.8	90.9 102.8 100.0	161 170 176	n.a. 60 48	n.a. 39 48	3,660 4,032 3,426	478 804 816	610 518 715	n.a. n.a. n.a.
1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51	2,502 2,427 2,558 2,652 2,795	40.4 48.8 51.0 53.3 54.2	98.8 118.6 123.6 129.0 133.1	291 308 330 466 459	74 69 78 96 99	116 143 186 157 174	1,874 2,131 2,347 3,036 3,486	536 487 333 387 390	786 799 1,174 1,853 1,865	142 143 164 187 213
1952–53 1953–54 p	3,029 3,350	52.3 77.9	137.1 147.6	358 435	84 112	176 223		,173 ,514	1,749 2,087	141 239
Monthly Total—  1952-53—  March  April  May  June	3,326 3,050 3,181 3,048	57.9 60.1 57.4 60.4	150.3 166.8 154.8 152.5	449 396 400 376	113 94 108 92	215 193 215 215	4 4	,476 ,726 ,770 ,074	2,213 2,172 1,957 1,927	167 148 163 203
July August September October November December January February March	3,350 2,840 3,582 3,500 3,750 3,247 2,952 3,272 4,003	55.7 55.7 57.4 58.3 53.3 61.2 60.7 59.8 70.3	134.0 128.5 146.9 135.7 122.6 151.2 145.5 145.3 178.9	449 399 459 421 439 426 345 426 474	109 108 113 119 117 101 85 104 128	225 206 240 247 254 217 170 198 239	5 5 5 4 3 5	,460 ,572 ,599 ,466 ,189 ,862 ,570 ,096	2,263 2,148 2,455 2,262 2,408 1,933 1,254 1,655 2,035	240 221 251 244 245 210 159 219
April May June	2,754 3,683 3,262	64.1 65.4 73.0	146.8 161.3 175.7	456 474 457	115 126 117	212 233 233	6	,609 ,383 ,784	1,923 2,154 2,549	245 274 272
July September October November December January February March	3,318 3,467 3,713 4,079 3,831 3,075 3,826	65.2 64.4 62.1 59.7 62.7 70.3 69.4 64.9 69.8	150.0 143.2 155.7 127.3 141.2 160.3 179.6 154.7 203.2	452 444 495 514 560 491 525 546 592	124 127 126 124 138 102 89 124 138	288 308 350 330 324 241 180 257 307	6 6 5 5 4 3 6	,703 ,492 ,541 ,592 ,886 ,888 ,184 ,031 ,135	2,600 2,646 2,629 2,413 2,413 2,223 1,164 2,071 2,475	303 288 315 293 312 228 199 289 326

<sup>(</sup>a) Details for 1952-53 and earlier periods refer to Australian factory production; 1953-54 and later figures to quantity on which excise duty was paid.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, see page 1.

### INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas, but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base: 1948 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium.	Canada.	Denmark.	France.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway.	Sweden.	United King- dom. (c)	U.S.A. (b) (d)
1937 1938 1939	102 82 87	55 52 56	n.a. n.a. n.a.	98 90 n.a.	102 101 n.a.	192 210 n.a.	88 89 98	n.a. 81 86	67 67 73	91 86 n.a.	<b>59</b> <b>46</b> 56
1948 1949 1950 1951 1952 1953	100 100 102 118 114 114 124	100 102 108 115 119 127 125	100 106 119 121 117 121 129	100 110 111 125 131 127 139	100 110 127 144 147 161 175	100 124 142 193 213 257 276	100 112 128 132 133 146 160	100 110 124 133 135 142 151	100 104 108 113 111 111 115	100 106 114 117 114 121 129	100 93 108 115 119 129 120
February March April May June July August September October November December	111 113 116 116 114 105 113 117 117 118 119	123 126 120 130 131 126 127 131 130 128 120	120 124 121 122 122 86 122 130 129 129 120	131 131 133 132 118 93 124 128 133 137	143 160 156 161 157 172 136 167 180 173	218 247 248 249 252 253 255 263 279 276 291	127 144 140 136 145 142 153 164 153 149	159 152 131 133 147 99 138 150 158 157 140	113 116 119 115 117 60 109 116 121 121	122 124 118 123 118 110 106 125 131 133 121	131 133 131 131 131 124 131 130 131 125 119
1954— January February	r118 116	117 122	119 128	134 134	166 163	264 267	141 139	147 178	116 117	127 130	119 121
March April May June August September October November December	119 123 124 124 112 122 126 r130 131 r132	121 123 125 129 r121 126 129 r130 130 r123	131 131 133 134 88 130 139 136 140 131	137 141 145 142 134 110 141 144 150	180 178 176 168 189 r151 187 r190 r181 r186	290 283 276 275 269 263 275 282 281 285	162 158 160 165 159 157 167 171 174 179	161 141 146 154 105 148 162 161 163 150	119 122 122 123 62 114 121 123 127 125	132 124 133 127 116 113 133 137 139 r130	r121 118 118 119 112 118 120 125 125 123
1955— January February	127	121	128 134	150 155	176	r257 265	147 149	152	122 125	r134 138	126

<sup>(</sup>a) Adjusted for seasonal variations and for number of working days. (c) Partially adjusted for number of working days. Includes construction.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, see page 1.

<sup>(</sup>b) Adjusted for number of working days (d) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

### MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Departments of Army and Air.)

dona vasta a . do radacin		Motor Vehic	les on Register at	end of period.	New Motor Vel	nicles Registered d	uring period. (a)
Period.		Motor Cars.(b)	Commercial Vehicles, &c (b)	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars. (b)	Commercial Vehicles, &c.(b)	Motor Cycles.
processing the control of the contro		'000'.	'000.	'000.			
					Me	onthly Averag	es.
1936–37 1937–38 1938–39( <i>a</i> )	• •	499 535 562	214 242 258	78 80 79	4,049 4,594 4,509	2.016 2.283 2,077	623 694 614
1946–47 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	550 593 655 768 883 1,032 1,109 1,200	376 414 452 502 551 583 582 607	87 100 117 134 146 155 148	1,770 3,562 5,539 9,584 10,639 10,443 7,748 10,425	1,360 2,397 3,056 4,829 6,494 6,122 4,362 4,824	685 1,192 1,852 2,232 2,263 1,846 941 905
1952–53					N	Ionthly Total	S.
April May June	• •	1,100 1,105 1,109	577 579 582	150 149 148	7,496 7,902 7,407	4,592 4,867 4,861	867 809 697
July August September October November December January February March April		1,115 1,122 1,130 1,137 1,143 1,146 1,157 1,161 1,172 1,182	583 586 589 590 593 593 596 595 598 601	147 146 145 144 144 143 143 143 143	9,595 8,450 10,544 10,731 10,524 11,228 8,403 8,571 11,700 11,264	r5,504 4,677 4,820 4,662 4,947 5,083 3,633 3,833 5,255 4,927	r792 745 853 971 1,015 1,020 943 862 1,020 1,007
May June	•	1,190 1,200	603 607	141 140	11,654 12,440	5,234 5,318	892 740
July August September October November December January February March April		1,211 1,225 1,237 1,251 1,268 1,284 1,284 1,295	608 613 617 622 629 635 631 636	139 139 138 137 138 138 136 136	r13,379 (c) 15,885 (c) 13,755 (c) 13,560 (c) 13,609 (c) 13,395 (c) 8,132 (c) r12,740 (c) p15,579 (c) p13,950	r5,739 (c) r6,036 (c) 6,284 (c) 5,801 (c) 6,171 (c) 5,735 (c) 3,842 (c) r4,781 (c) p5,756 (c) p5,200	r847 (c) 848 (c) 949 (c) 953 (c) 890 (c) 1,151 (c) 834 (c) r964 (c) p1,100 (c) p958

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-Metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

(b) Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles registered in Victoria included private cars and commercial vehicles, and were included in commercial vehicle registrations. Since that date, only vehicles constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connexion with their business are so registered.

(c) Includes some new registrations effected in preceding months but not passed into central registration records until subsequent months.

### GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS: FREIGHT, PASSENGERS AND REVENUE.

The following table shows statistics of freight and passengers carried and of revenue earned on the five mainland State railways to the end of June, 1947. From July, 1947, particulars relate to all State and Commonwealth railway systems, Tasmania, however, still being excluded in respect of particulars of freight.

			Freight Ca	rried. (a)	Average Daily	Reven	ue. (b)
Per	riod.	9 marin (1970)	Net Ton-miles (Daily Average).	Average haul per ton.	Passenger- journeys. (b)	Gross.	Net.
			'000.	Miles.	'000.		000.
							Averages.
1936–37			12,820	125.9	1,028	3,407	886
1937–38			13,976	125.0	1,048	3,632	886
1938-39			13,085	127.0	1,048	3,580	694
1946-47			17,406	148.4	1,368	5,303	427
1947-48			18,510	144.4	1,395	6,376	443
1948-49			19,317	146.2	1,381	7,174	89
949-50			19,181	148.8	1,377	7,702	- 184
950-51			19,462	148.6	1,300	8,834	<b>—</b> 569
1951-52			20,342	145.7	1,367	11,668	- 602
1952–53			18,766	136.4	1,364	12,892	- 517
1953–54			19,793	136.4	1,399	14,198	315
					4	Monthly	Totals.
1953–54—				120 1		10 #00	(c)
January			16,778	130.1	1,305	13,599	862
February			17,101	122.0	1,527	12,233	<b>–</b> 716
March			19,183	131.0	1,492	14,764	1,039
April			20,037	149.6	1,395	13,772	344
May			21,696	146.6	1,470	14,686	- 181 - 181
June			20,731	136.3	1,397	15,922	-1,769
954–55—							
July			24,367	156.1	1,354	14,456	<b>7</b> 32
August			25,039	156.3	1,439	15,123	1,362
September			25,654	156.3	1,434	15,375	1,442
October			25,340	158.3	1,377	15,304	1,174
November			25,271		1,475	15,856	1,228
December			24,973		1,326	15,786	1,179
January			19,851			13,082	-40

(a) Excludes Tasmania. Excludes Commonwealth railway systems prior to 1947-48. Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway from 1946-47. (b) Excludes Tasmanian and Commonwealth railway systems prior to 1947-48. (c) These figures do not present satisfactory monthly comparisons, because of the periodical inclusion in expenditure of amounts to be set aside for special purposes. Minus sign (-) denotes loss.

## MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS: GROSS REVENUE.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia	Total.
1053_54	. 73,932	31,666	24,835	11,616	7,934	149,983
	. 74,572	35,841	28,952	12,806	11,376	163,547
July-February, 1953-54	. 47,948	22,346	19,584	8,313	7,068	105,259
,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	. 50,209		21,549	8,640	8,152	113,144

<sup>(</sup>a) From monthly statements issued by each Treasury. These figures are on a cash bas's and differ slightly from the corresponding figures in the table above, which are on an income and expenditure basis. Excludes Treasury transfers.

For meaning of symbol ——, see page 1

## SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 Tons Weight. (Excluding all cargo shipped by ton measurement.(a).)

		Oversea	Cargo.			Interstate (	Cargo Shipp	ed from—		
Period.		Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
Monthly Average 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	•••	419 478 428	304 364 350	228 247 228	71 73 72	30 24 27	163 186 219	3 3 5	47 53 51	542 586 602
1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53 1953–54	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	374 452 422 450 374 504 479	415 488 641 757 810 644 711	270 257 233 232 280 285 307	46 41 37 37 37 37 34 39	34 32 30 36 45 53 36	200 152 198 222 238 247 287	7 5 5 5 11 52 54	34 32 32 28 29 33 35	592 519 535 560 641 704 758
Monthly Total— 1952–53— March April May June		625 594 672 668	549 651 681 625	293 232 255 215	25 36 32 30	47 35 39 37	250 221 235 197	63 72 79 80	37 24 33 36	716 621 673 597
July August September October November December January February March		683 472 498 559 509 440 364 391 537	621 699 652 748 716 611 735 617 804	338 311 329 390 317 268 293 234 332	42 33 35 30 28 32 17 20 22	42 28 51 39 25 39 34 22 28	261 309 251 264 284 251 330 268 295	77 71 52 42 37 65 51 54 59	45 39 41 35 34 33 27 18 43	805 791 761 801 726 688 753 617
April May June	• •	394 454 451	731 779 817	274 301 300	54 63 83	34 55 38	305 327 298	37 36 72	22 50 35	727 832 827
July August September October November(c) December January February r March pr		565 442 467 558 319 648 500 462 640	869 869 935	333 307 308 330 182 314 273 269 302	56 62 77 90 43 86 91 78 49	52 48 56 48 29 74 45 54 19	346 365 230 335 318 266 361 312 327	108 86 80 54 34 51 43 44 99	24 23 49 54	945 910 798 902 630 814 862 811

<sup>(</sup>a) Additional to figures for Tons Measurement on page 43. ports 2nd-16th November (approx.).

<sup>(</sup>b) Includes Northern Territory.

<sup>(</sup>c) Strike in all main

For meaning of symbols r, p, see page 1.

# SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 Tons of 40 Cubic Feet Measurement. (Excluding all cargo shipped by ton weight(a).)

		Oversea	Cargo.			Interstate (	Cargo Shipp	ed from—		
Period.		Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
Monthly Average 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39		78 91 91	169 190 183	56 59 56	22 28 21	9 13 13	20 26 22	5 5 5	21 25 27	133 156 144
1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54		104 114 116 108 103 121 113	160 214 298 333 391 161 234	29 29 25 27 32 31 36	18 19 21 20 25 22 35	12 10 11 10 9 8 10	16 16 17 20 17 17	6 6 7 6 6 6 9 8	24 18 20 27 21 19 20	105 98 101 110 110 106 128
Monthly Total— 1952-53— March April May June	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	144 150 151 107	182 143 168 197	33 27 38 34	22 20 34 30	9 8 8 8	17 21 20 13	17 6 7 7	17 29 23 19	115 111 130 111
1953–54— July August September October November December January February March		116 110 91 107 87 98 61 87 175	194 248 207 198 258 213 264 187 285	39 37 43 42 37 27 28 28 44	34 29 28 44 36 31 30 35 43	13 9 8 15 10 9 7 8	19 24 23 18 24 18 12 15 23	9 10 6 11 9 7 4 5	18 12 6 17 16 15 19 25 23	132 122 114 147 132 108 100 116
April May June		160 158 106	202 288 270	40 36 33	42 34 37	12 11 8	11 23 17	7 9 9	40 25 23	152 138 127
July August September October November(c) December January February r March pr		112 103 121 101 66 126 90 78 141	272 258 270 264 234 265 370 259 353	43 40 37 30 16 43 30 31 33	42 34 36 44 20 42 23 34 42	12 11 14 12 6 9 5 11	26 20 18 16 12 16 12 11	7 9 9 6 8 6 7 8 6	18 18 42 14 13 28 23 12	148 132 156 122 75 144 100 107 127

<sup>(</sup>a) Additional to figures for Tons Weight on page 42. November (approx.).

<sup>(</sup>b) Includes Northern Territory.

<sup>(</sup>c) Strike in all ports 2nd-16th

For meaning of symbols r, p, see page 1.

## POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

				D ( DMC	Broadcast Listeners'		s connected at end or riod.
	Peri	od.		Receipts of P.M.G's Department.(a)	Licences in force at end of period.	Lines.	Instruments.
				£'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
				Monthly Averages.			
1936-37				1,318	938	440	595
1937–38	• •	• •		1,396	1,056	465	630
1938-39	• •	* *		1,447	1,130	488	662
1730-37	• •	• •		1,777/	1,150	400	002
947-48				2,616	1,833	688	963
948-49	• •	• •		2,776	1,919	734	1,028
949–50	• •	• •		3,196	2,030	793	1,110
1950-51		• •					
	• •		• •	3,732	(b)2,110	864	1,209
1951-52				4,948	1,961	927	1,301
1952–53				5,371	1,986	985	1,384
1953–54				5,650	2,042	1,050	1,476
				Monthly Totals.			
1952-53-				Monthly Totals.			
April				5,275	1,994	975	1,369
May			• •	5,433	1,987	980	1,376
June		• •	• •	5,675	1,986	985	1.384
June	• •	• •		,,075	1,700	,	1,501
1953-54					ř		
July				5,438	1,988	991	1,392
August				5,116	1,991	996	1,400
Septembe	r			5,613	1,987	1.003	1,409
October				5,837	1,986	1,008	1,417
Novembe	r			5,487	1,968	1,014	1,425
December	r			6,409	1,968	1,020	1,433
January				5,130	1,968	1,025	1,439
February				5,049	1,972	1,029	1,445
March				6,247	2,011	1,034	1,453
April				5,587	2,030	1,039	1,460
3. //							
May	• •			5,779	2,031	1,044	1,467
June				6,105	2,042	1,050	1,476
954-55-							1 1
July				5,657	2,027	1,055	1,484
				5,558	2,027	1,062	1,494
Septembe		• •	• •	5,903	2,030		1,494
0 . 1			* *	5,929		1,068	1,504
Novembe	* *		• •	6,397	2,047	1,075	1,513
December					2,053	1,081	1,522
		• •		7,038	2,044	1.088	1.531
January				5,160	2,039	1,095	1,540
February				5,927	2,047	1,101	1,548
March	• •	* * .		6,619	2,031	1,107	1,558
April				5,769	2,028	1,113	1,566

<sup>(</sup>a) Actual collections. of one are included.

<sup>(</sup>b) During the period July, 1942, to December, 1951, supplementary licences for receivers in excess

For meaning of symbol ----, see page 1.

### PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

### LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

				(00 1111	111011.)				
Period.		Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	Advances.	Govern- ment and Municipal Securities. (c)	Special Accounts with Com- monwealth Bank.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.
Average of Wee Figures— 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	kly	184.7 194.8 198.8	112.9 120.0 118.9	297.6 314.8 317.7	262.5 274.4 288.1	15.0 21.4 20.5		34.2 37.1 33.6	24.5 20.7 21.5
1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53 1953–54		201.9 211.3 224.5 247.7 238.2 218.7 239.8	471.6 565.1 685.6 896.5 963.5 943.7 1,035.7	673.5 776.4 910.1 1,144.2 1,201.7 1,162.4 1,275.5	(d)329.9 368.6 403.9 479.3 621.4 638.1 658.5	65.6 61.5 83.8 90.2 68.4 86.5 130.3	262.3 322.7 377.0 500.3 466.0 211.7 285.2	44.4 48.0 52.0 59.3 60.6 74.7 71.2	18.1 22.1 26.5 36.9 32.4 123.1 99.4
April May June	• •	224.0 222.7 228.9	1,059 5 1,029 5 1,010 1	1,283.5 1,252.2 1,239.0	592 5 597.6 601.8	110.1 115.5 115.7	276.1 300.8 <b>30</b> 0.8	71.7 65.5 76.6	173.3 129.0 100.5
1953–54— July August September October November December (e) January February March April May		225.6 225.1 227.8 230.4 245.9 246.0 244.5 245.9 244.3 245.3	978.4 956.2 963.9 979.6 1,005.0 1,044.0 1,059.3 1,091.2 1,118.7 1,109.6	1,204.0 1,181.3 1,191.7 1,210.0 1,250.9 1,290.0 1,303.8 1,337.1 1,363.0 1,354.9	616.9 619.9 630.8 654.6 664.1 665.0 654.1 656.0 664.3 684.7	115.6 119.5 122.9 124.6 126.1 130.2 135.0 138.5 141.9 142.0	296.5 282.0 261.1 250.7 250.5 250.5 257.2 282.4 315.4 332.6 318.8	66.1 67.1 73.3 63.3 69.0 83.0 87.6 75.0 66.8 63.3 75.4	85.8 85.9 97.6 96.1 100.9 105.3 129.6 147.7 133.0 91.6 67.1
June  1954–55—  July August September October November December (f) January February March (g) April		251.3 254.3 252.9 259.9 264.3 264.1 261.1 264.9 267.2 267.2 262.6	1,053.7 1,017.4 1,003.8 1,000.4 1,021.6 1,035.2 1,056.6 1,069.9 1,089.0 1,097.1 1,082.7	1,305.0 1,271.7 1,256.7 1,260.3 1,285.9 1,299.3 1,317.7 1,334.8 1,356.2 1,364.3 1,345.3	701.7 724.9 738.8 757.1 780.1 786.2 785.7 769.8 772.9 775.9 795.8	133.4 123.6 120.3 117.3 116.1 114.8 114.3 116.4 124.6 132.5 130.4	313.8 308.4 291.9 287.8 272.3 269.1 259.6 259.6 259.6 259.6	67.7 65.7 65.4 65.0 65.0 67.7 69.7 83.7 71.7 65.8 59.2	58.0 33.7 32.4 22.8 35.4 41.1 47.1 74.7 96.5 95.5 65.9

<sup>(</sup>a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., National Bank of Australias Ltd., Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) and from March, 1955, Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays.

(b) Excludes inscribed stock.

(c) Excludes Treasury Bills.

(d) Figures for 1945–46 and onwards are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets.

(e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

(g) Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. included from March, 1955.

## PRIVATE TRADING BANKS (a)—continueà.

# RATIOS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS (b) WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (Per Cent.)

				(1 er Ce				
			Percen	tages of Various	Categories of A	ssets to Total Dep	osits.	
Period.			Cash in Australia.	Cash +Treasury Bills.	Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia.(c)		Special Accounts with Com- monwealth Bank.	Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
Average of Figures—	Wee	kly	11.49	19.73	88.20	93.26		37.93
1937–38 1938–39			11.79 10.58	18.37 17.36	87.15 90.70	93.95 97.15		38.13 37.42
1947–48			6.59	9.28	(d)48.98	(d)58.72	38.94	70.02
1948–49			6.18	9.03	47.47	55.39	41.56	72.79
1949-50			5.71	8.62	44.35	53.55	41.40	75.28
1950–51			5.19	8.41	41.89	49.69	43.73	78.35
1951-52			5.04	7.74	51.71	57.40	38.78	80.18
1952-53			6.43	17.02	54.89	62.33	18.21	81.19
1953-54			5.59	13.38	51.63	61.85	22.36	81.20
1952-53								
April			5.58	19.08	46.16	54.74	21.51	82.55
May			5.23	15.53	47.72	56.94	24.02	82.21
June	• •		6.19	14.30	48.57	57.91	24.27	81.53
1953-54							24.72	01.26
July			5.49	12.61	51.23	60.83	24.62	81.26
August			5.68	12.95	52.48	62.60	23.87	80.94
September			6.15	14.34	52.93	63.24	21.91	80.89
October			5.23	13.17	54.10	64.39	20.71	80.95 80.34
November			5.52	13.58	53.08	63.16	20.02 19.41	80.93
December (e)			6.44	14.60	50.17	60.53	19.41	81.25
January	• •		6.72	16.66 16.6 <b>5</b>	49.06	59.41	21.12	81.61
February	• •		5.61 4.90	14.66	48.74	59.15	23.14	82.07
March	• •		4.67	11.43	50.53	61.01	24.54	81.90
April	• •	• •	7.07	11.45				
May			5.70	10.77	52.55	62.83	24.09	81.28
June			5.19	9.63	53.77	63.99	24.04	80.74
1954–55—								00.00
July			5.16	7.81	57.01	66.73	24.25	80.00
August			5.20	7.78	58.78	68.35	23.22	79.88
September			5.16	6.97	60.07	69.38	22.83	79.38
October			5.06	7.81	60.66	69.68	21.18	79.45
November			5.21	8.37	60.51 59.63	69.34 68.30	20.71	79.67 80.18
December $(f)$			5.29	8.86	57.67	66.40	19.70	80.15
January			6.28 5.29	12.41	56.99	66.18	19.43	80.30
February				11.82	56.87	66.59	19.03	80.42
March (g)			4.82 4.40	9.30	59.15	68.84	19.03	80.48
April			4.40	9.30	77.17	00.07	17.50	00.40

<sup>(</sup>a) See footnote (a) on previous page. (b) Deposits exclude inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills.

(d) Figures for 1945-46 and onwards are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

(f) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fifth Wednesday. (g) Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. included from March, 1955.

## COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a),

#### and

### COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA

### (RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS).

(£ million.)

		Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a)(b)							Comm	onwealth I	Bank—Adv	ances.(b)
Period.		Deposits		- Ad-	Special Account with	Coin Bullion, Notes and	Treasury	Other Australian Govern-	Rural Credits	Mortgage Bank		l Finance tment.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	vances.	Common- wealth Bank. (c)	lth Common- kk. Wealth Bills. ment and Municipal	Depart- ment.	Depart- ment.	Hire Purchase.	Other.		
Average of Weekly Figures—1947–48 1948–49	13.9	43.7 51.1	57.6 64.3	23.4 31.8		6.6		32.1	0.8	3.1	2.5	3.5
1948–49	13.2 14.8 19.4 20.1 22.8 35.3	62.5 89.2 90.6 96.7	77.3 108.6 110.7 119.5 156.2	45.3 62.5 76.4 (d)59.5 69.2	21.7	6.1 6.2 7.2 6.6 8.8 11.0	2.0 24.0 26.4 (c)17.2 23.4	34.1 35.4 26.9 13.3 (d)25.8 29.9	13.8 13.7 19.7 44.9 43.2	3.2 3.5 3.8 4.1 4.3 4.5	7.6 12.8 14.7 15.5 14.8 16.6	4.8 6.3 7.6 8.7 8.1 4.7
1952–53— April May June	25.1 25.3 26.0	107.8 107.3 109.7	132.9 132.6 135.7	55.6 57.3 59.7	28.7 32.3 32.3	8.7 10.2 11.9	35.6 32.0 31.3	16.8 15.2 15.2	89.6 77.6 62.6	4.3 4.3 4.2	15.7 15.9 16.1	7.9 6.6 6.3
July August September October November December e January February March April	27.2 29.6 34.4 36.0 36.8 35.6 36.8 37.9 37.9	110.6 110.7 115.4 120.2 124.2 123.8 118.3 121.6 125.3 127.7	137.8 140.3 149.8 156.2 161.0 159.4 155.1 158.5 163.2 165.6	62.4 63.4 63.6 66.4 68.4 70.4 71.6 71.6 71.9	32.3 32.3 32.3 32.3 32.3 32.3 32.8 34.5 38.3 40.3	9.7 11.5 11.6 11.4 11.3 10.6 10.5 10.5 9.8 9.9	31.7 31.6 32.5 29.6 27.7 22.6 19.6 20.9 18.3 17.9	15.2 15.5 24.1 28.1 33.2 35.1 35.1 35.1 35.1	47.9 36.8 30.9 24.6 19.8 10.7 25.4 48.0 70.4 74.0	4.3 4.4 4.4 4.5 4.5 4.5 4.6 4.6 4.7 4.7	16.3 16.4 16.4 16.6 16.8 17.1 16.9 16.6 16.4	5.0 4.9 4.7 4.3 4.2 4.6 4.6 4.8 4.8
May June	38.3 37.8	126.1 127.9	164.4 165.7	73.3 76.0	39.1 38.7	10.7 14.1	15.5 12.6	35.1 35.1	63.6 57.4	4.7 4.6	16.7 16.8	5.0 5.3
July August August September October November December f January February March April	39.9 41.0 41.9 44.6 44.1 43.8 42.9 42.5 44.2	125.0 123.7 126.9 128.1 132.1 133.6 127.3 129.5 136.2 136.4	164.9 164.7 168.8 172.7 176.2 177.4 170.2 172.0 180.4 181.9	80.9 84.0 84.1 84.2 86.5 87.4 89.7 90.0 90.9 94.0	38.6 38.5 38.5 37.3 36.7 35.0 35.0 35.0 35.0	9.3 9.8 10.5 10.4 9.8 10.6 11.6 10.3 11.4 9.2	13.3 8.3 9.6 11.9 14.3 16.3 10.7 12.7 15.3 14.6	35.1 35.1 37.0 39.9 40.1 38.2 36.3 37.7 39.3 39.6	56.2 61.1 54.1 48.3 45.6 41.4 53.6 76.9 85.9 81.7	4.7 4.7 4.7 4.8 4.8 4.8 4.9 5.0 5.0	16.7 16.8 17.1 17.2 17.3 17.5 17.4 17.1 16.9 16.7	6.0 6.1 6.3 6.3 6.4 6.3 6.2 6.3 6.5 7.4

<sup>(</sup>a) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) Averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (c) At the beginning of July, 1952, the General Banking Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a special deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the Banking Act 1945. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly in Treasury Bills. (d) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans to building societies and credit foncier loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank in exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division) over this period was approximately £24,000,000. (e) Returns for fourth Wednesday not available. (f) Returns for fifth Wednesday not available.

# COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA: CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Including Note Issue Department.)

### LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.(a)

(£A million.)

	1	Notes on Issue	•	G .: 1	Oil	0.1		Government
Period.	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.	Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	and other Securities (including Treasury Bills).
Average of Weekly Figures— 1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53	22.2 24.9 27.9 32.7 38.1 36.9 38.5	175.9 178.7 194.3 219.1 255.5 281.3 299.7	198.1 203.6 222.2 251.8 293.6 318.2 338.2	263.7 323.9 379.6 503.2 468.8 212.9 306.8	28.0 29.8 30.7 34.7 31.1 45.4 41.7	142.0 174.6 200.3 238.2 270.9 287.4 283.4	196.7 336.2 434.0 596.3 470.6 363.6 512.6	419.9 356.3 349.0 366.6 503.1 434.8 408.0
1952–53— April	37.0 36.1 36.1	292.0 289.8 291.9	329.0 325.9 328.0	277.1 301.9 301.9	44.5 38.7 49.0	305.3 313.4 322.6	433.0 455.9 479.9	420.1 435.0 448.4
July	35.7 36.0 36.5 37.3 37.7 43.2 42.5 38.5 38.5	293.5 295.9 296.0 295.8 296.7 303.7 297.8 298.9 301.2 307.3	329.2 331.9 332.5 333.1 334.4 346.9 340.3 337.4 339.7 346.7	297.6 282.7 262.2 251.7 251.5 (c)275.7 291.0 317.9 354.9 373.9	39.8 40.2 42.3 30.9 36.0 49.0 55.5 46.1 37.8 33.5	319.1 304.1 306.0 295.1 315.2 287.8 264.5 262.5 258.4 253.9	489.5 495.5 490.7 486.1 490.4 511.8 520.2 530.1 539.6 539.0	439.4 420.7 409.8 393.8 419.3 432.0 403.3 382.2 375.1 389.4
May June	39.7 38.7	304.3 30 <b>5.</b> 8	344.0 344.5	358.9 353.5	47.0 43.5	263.1 266.9	540.0 520.9	404.3 422.6
July	38.8 38.8 38.4 39.4 39.4 44.5 46.6 40.9 40.4 42.5	307.2 309.0 311.1 312.4 313.7 322.9 317.0 314.3 317.6 324.3	346.0 347.8 349.5 351.8 353.1 367.4 363.6 355.2 358.0 366.8	348.1 331.4 327.3 310.7 306.9 295.7 295.7 295.7 295.7	36.7 37.3 37.5 36.2 38.4 36.3 49.2 40.8 36.8 26.2	250.1 246.5 255.2 250.1 249.5 235.7 241.4 246.7 244.3 231.9	478.5 454.0 439.4 426.4 424.9 417.7 414.9 406.8 403.5 382.2	445.0 445.8 473.4 470.9 472.2 471.1 475.0 446.2 438.4 446.7

<sup>(</sup>a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays in period. (b) Return for fourth Wednesday not available. (c) From 3rd December, 1953, includes Special Account of Commonwealth Trading Bank. Previously the Special Deposit Account of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank was included in "Other Liabilities". (d) Return for fifth Wednesday not available.

## ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

### LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(b)

(£ million.)

		(	L million.)				
Period.	Bearing Interest.	Deposits.  Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	Advances.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities.
Average of Figures— 1947–48 (c)	221.2 231.8 249.3 279.6 271.7 256.8 290.4	527.8 634.6 771.2 1,017.6 1,091.5 1,076.3 1,196.0	749.0 866.4 1,020.5 1,297.2 1,363.2 1,333.1 1,486.4	384.7 440.2 495.4 598.4 759.7 (d)762.3 793.7	54.2 58.3 62.2 71.4 72.3 (e)88.2 87.3	19.2 24.0 29.5 64.0 61.7 (e)144.2 130.1	108.3 109.3 132.3 129.5 96.6 (d)126.2 174.2
1952–53— April May June	264.2 263.0 269.7	1,209.0 1,176.5 1,158.3	1,473.2 1,439.5 1,428.0	711.3 718.0 724.8	87.5 81.9 94.3	218.2 169.7 138.7	140.3 144.2 144.4
July August September October November December (f) January February March April	267.7 269.5 277.0 281.0 297.3 296.6 296.6 298.4 298.3 299.2	1,125.7 1,102.2 1,114.1 1,134.0 1,164.5 1,205.4 1,218.4 1,255.7 1,288.1 1,281.0	1,393.4 1,371.7 1,391.1 1,415.0 1,461.8 1,502.0 1,515.0 1,554.1 1,586.4 1,580.2	743.2 747.1 759.5 787.7 799.8 802.2 791.5 793.5 802.5 823.2	81.6 83.8 89.3 78.8 84.9 98.8 103.9 91.2 82.2 77.9	122.0 121.7 134.1 129.1 132.4 132.5 156.9 179.0 163.6 121.4	144.3 148.5 160.7 166.7 173.2 179.3 184.1 187.6 191.2 191.3
May June	301.8 305.2	1,245.3 1,225.3	1,547.1 1,530.5	835.4 845.2	90.7 87.1	93.7 80.1	18 <b>5.3</b> 182.6
1954–55—         July          August          September          October          November          December (g)          January          February          March          April	321.1 324.2 326.1	1,184.6 1,169.5 1,168.0 1,190.3 1,207.4 1,229.9 1,239.7 1,262.6 1,276.0 1,260.9	1,494.7 1,479.0 1,485.7 1,514.9 1,531.8 1,551.0 1,563.9 1,588.7 1,603.6 1,584.9	874.8 892.0 911.1 935.8 944.5 946.3 931.8 935.6 940.0 963.9	79.6 79.7 80.6 80.1 82.5 84.8 100.9 86.9 81.0 72.0	54.9 47.6 37.3 51.9 60.0 67.3 90.4 116.4 118.5 86.7	172.8 169.8 168.7 170.3 169.4 166.7 166.7 176.2 185.3 183.5

<sup>(</sup>a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945–1953. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Commonwealth Trading Bank from 3rd December, 1953), the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 47. (c) From January, 1948, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales replaced the Rural Bank Department of that Bank. (d) See note (d), page 47. (f) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fifth Wednesday. (g) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fifth Wednesday.

## ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

### DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

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Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Average of Weekly Figures—  1947–48 (b) 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53 1953–54	(c)69.4 83.1 104.9 145.1 156.6 151.9 171.7	61.2 74.3 97.8 134.9 142.3 132.0 154.9	19.9 24.3 29.5 39.0 41.5 43.8 51.0	12.7 15.5 19.3 26.8 30.8 30.1 32.8	8.7 10.7 13.7 19.3 21.8 22.1 25.4	3.9 4.7 5.6 7.4 8.9 8.8 9.9	0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.8	(c)175.9 212.8 271.1 372.9 402.4 389.3 446.5
1952-53— April	149.6 157.4 160.3	142.6 139.2 136.3	44.7 44.5 50.8	32.2 33.3 31.4	22.7 23.1 20.8	9.5 10.3 9.6	0.8 0.6 0.6	402.1 408.4 409.8
July	163.6 145.6 167.7 168.3 173.0 187.1 151.9 164.8 184.7 166.2	138.0 124.7 131.2 140.6 146.9 174.6 146.3 156.5 180.4	52.5 46.0 50.7 51.5 52.0 55.7 43.4 47.8 48.4 47.8	31.5 27.1 30.5 31.0 31.0 35.4 28.5 34.4 36.3 33.6	22.9 20.4 23.3 24.1 25.8 29.8 25.9 25.6 26.8 25.8	9.7 8.7 9.3 9.1 9.2 10.4 8.1 9.0 12.0 10.3	0.6 0.5 1.1 0.9 0.7 0.7 1.0 0.6 0.7	418.8 373.0 413.8 425.5 438.6 493.7 405.1 438.7 489.3 449.8
May June	183.0 194.9	177.3 171.7	54.4 59.3	36.4 36.2	26.9 26.1	11.8 11.1	0.8 0.7	490.6 500.0
July August September October November December January February March (d) April	181.8 170.6 179.7 190.3 185.8 194.5 173.8 188.3 186.0 185.5	161.0 156.5 168.5 178.0 170.4 184.4 165.9 189.0 187.1	56.0 49.5 54.1 56.3 54.8 55.6 52.0 53.3 50.3 51.4	34.9 32.1 34.5 35.5 36.2 37.5 34.3 37.1 38.5 36.1	26.2 24.3 25.4 26.8 25.6 27.1 27.6 26.3 27.1 25.9	10.7 9.8 9.8 10.0 9.9 11.0 9.2 10.1 12.0 10.7	0.7 0.6 0.7 0.7 0.7 0.9 0.9 0.9	471.3 443.4 472.7 497.6 483.4 511.0 463.7 504.9 501.9 485.1

<sup>(</sup>a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945–1953. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 49, the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded from January, 1948. (c) See note (c) on previous page. (d) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded from March, 1955.

For meaning of symbol ---, see page 1.

## SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS AND SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

(£ million.)

				Amounts o	n Deposit in S	Savings Banks	š.			War Savings
At end of—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.	and Savings Certificates— Net Amount Outstanding.
1936–37	82.0 86.0 87.5	75.7 78.9 80.5	27.3 28.2 29.0	26.5 27.2 27.4	11.8 12.0 12.4	7.2 7.7 8.4	0.1 0.1 0.1	0.3 0.3 0.3	230 · 9 240 · 4 245 · 6	* *
1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54	237.0 244.5 258.9 284.5 304.5 319.1 339.8	226.4 239.3 257.1 281.8 300.8 320.0 339.8	84.8 87.4 92.2 98.8 102.7 109.4 117.4	73.6 81.2 87.7 97.8 103.7 113.9 122.9	36.2 37.5 39.6 44.7 47.2 49.8 52.6	21.6 22.4 24.3 27.1 30.1 32.1 34.0	0.6 0.7 0.9 1.0 1.1 1.1	1.1 1.2 1.4 1.7 1.8 2.1 2.3	681.3 714.2 762.1 837.4 891.9 947.5 1,010.1	64.5 62.2 55.0 48.1 41.8 35.6 30.3
1952-53 April May June	313.3 312.7 319.1	311.8 312.8 320.0	106.5 106.7 109.4	110.4 110.8 113.9	48.6 48.6 49.8	31.5 31.6 32.1	1.1 1.1 1.1	2.1 2.1 2.1	925.3 926.4 (a) 947.5	36.5 36.1 35.6
July August September October November December January February March	325.8	321.5 322.9 324.9 325.5 325.9 327.0 327.8 329.4 329.0 330.0	110.3 111.7 112.8 113.0 113.4 114.0 113.7 114.4 114.3	115.0 115.6 116.3 116.7 117.2 117.3 117.9 119.1 119.1	50.0 50.4 51.0 51.1 51.3 51.4 51.3 51.4	32.3 32.8 33.1 32.9 33.0 32.8 32.9 33.3 33.3	1.2 1.2 1.3 1.3 1.2 1.2 1.2	2.2 2.3 2.3 2.3 2.3 2.3 2.3 2.3 2.3 2.3	952.9 959.5 966.8 968.6 970.6 973.7 976.5 983.5 981.6 984.2	35.1 34.5 34.0 33.6 33.0 32.6 32.1 31.7 31.3 30.9
May June	333.3 339.8	332.6 339.8	114.9 117.4	120.2 122.9	51.7 52.6	33.6 34.0	1.2	2.3 2.3	989.8 a 1,010.1	30.6 30.3
July August September October November December January February March April	346.7 347.2	341.8 344.7 346.6 348.4 350.0 350.9 353.2 354.0 354.5 356.7	119.0 120.4 121.4 122.2 122.9 123.4 123.4 122.6 122.2 122.5	124.3 125.0 125.5 126.4 126.5 126.5 127.5 128.2 128.5 129.0	52.7 53.1 53.1 53.3 53.3 52.9 53.1 52.7 52.7 52.5	34.3 34.8 34.9 34.8 34.7 34.7 34.8 35.0 35.1	1.3 1.3 1.3 1.4 1.4 1.4 1.4	2.4 2.4 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5	1,017.7 1,024.8 1,029.6 1,035.6 1,038.5 1,040.1 1,046.0 1,047.1 1,047.6 1,052.7	30 0 29.7 29.3 28.9 28.7 28.3 28.0 27.7 27.5 27.2

<sup>(</sup>a) Interest added 1952-53, £16.6m.; 1953-54, £17.8m. The major part of this interest was added in June.

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## LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

			New Policie	es Issued.(b)		Premi	ums.(c)	Claims, &	c., Paid.(d)	N.
Period.		Ordinary I	epartment.	Industrial l	Department.	Ordinary	Industrial	Ordinary	Industrial	New Loans Granted.
		Number.	Sum Assured.	Number.	Sum Assured.	Depart- ment.	Depart- ment.	Depart- ment.	Depart- ment.	
Monthly Average			£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1937 1938 1939	• • •	12,296 11,470 11,293	<b>4,120</b> 3,867 3,886	36,148 32,757 32,125	1,684 1,530 1,545	1,045 1,075 1,144	474 617 541	747 781 835	223 246 303	n.a. n.a. n.a.
1947–48 (a) 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	20,171 20,201 20,538 21,642 23,607 23,643 23,710	10,077 10,618 12,243 15,206 18,464 18,828 21,177	26,915 25,254 24,999 22,713 23,216 22,853 19,983	2,492 2,458 2,509 2,423 2,817 2,946 2,715	2,258 2,539 2,877 3,210 3,651 4,186 4,680	910 967 1,003 1,043 1,102 1,147 1,173	1,044 1,112 1,224 1,310 1,441 1,576 1,763	471 497 512 491 546 619 672	1,057 1,476 2,778 3,893 3,963 3,011 2,872
April May	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	22,475 22,292 24,658 25,670	17,309 17,334 19,407 21,142	28,501 22,457 25,189 25,547	3, <b>7</b> 10 2,949 3,256 3,325	4,139 4,220 4,000 5,547	1,256 1,133 1,097 1,217	1,685 1,566 1,528 1,731	665 565 649 691	2,460 3,591 2,823 3,459
August September October November December January February	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	28,463 25,421 30,989 22,489 23,518 29,903 13,604 16,169 21,794	25,048 20,410 25,884 18,688 19,026 35,870 10,818 13,397 18,880	21,041 24,732 26,340 19,267 22,702 13,792 6,904 17,919 24,477	2,735 3,370 3,597 2,588 3,030 1,932 896 2,412 3,386	5,072 4,259 4,688 4,255 4,263 5,428 3,771 3,812 4,926	1,231 1,215 1,167 1,215 1,208 1,344 640 1,282 1,274	1,960 1,763 1,870 1,765 1,610 1,948 1,327 1,493 2,012	734 706 671 702 671 614 501 611 735	3,195 2,784 3,286 2,821 2,190 3,091 2,017 1,880 3,535
May		21,324 25,064 25,806	20,967 21,380 23, <b>7</b> 59	18,942 22,500 21, <b>0</b> 76	2,664 3,121 2,844	4,433 5,183 6,072	1,122 1,178 1,200	1,579 1,840 1,991	643 744 726	3,233 3,013 3,418
August September October November December January February		27,010 25,513 30,787 22,427 22,973 31,474 11,188 16,358 22,932	26,383 23,916 31,146 20,953 22,321 37,228 10,383 15,828 23,259	18,704 21,284 29,567 17,126 19,599 16,406 4,967 17,464 18,489	2,627 3,113 4,312 2,485 2,874 2,661 720 2,541 2,687	5,166 5,102 5,137 4,617 4,885 5,592 4,153 4,498 5,340	1,189 1,191 1,327 1,210 1,315 1,489 675 1,181 1,258	2,111 2,042 2,120 1,969 1,823 2,320 1,293 1,764 2,161	805 779 724 744 795 638 559 736 814	3,624 3,312 3,627 4,440 4,149 4,806 2,962 3,731 5,111

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.

(b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

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## EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

Period.	I	xchange Rates	(a)	Gold P	rices.(a)	ment Secu at Current	alth Govern- irities taxed Common- Rates.	Private First Mortgages Registered in New
	Australia o London.(l		Australia on New York. (c)	Australia.	London.	Short Dated 2 years.(d)	Long Dated 12 years.(d)	South Wales —Urban Securities.
1937–38	£A. per £100 Sta . 125 .25 . 125 .25	£Stg. 4.939 4.980	\$ per £A. 3.929 3.961 3.759	£A. per fine oz. 8.761 8.690 9.137	£Stg. per fine oz. 7.041 7.001 7.340	Per cent. (f) 3.57 (f) 3.30 (f) 3.67	Per cent. (g) 3.94 (g) 3.71 (g) 3.84	Per cent. (e) 5.3 5.4 5.5
1948–49	. 125 .2 <sup>1</sup>	4.030 3.074 2.800 2.796 2.804	3.200 3.204 2.445 2.228 2.224 2.231 2.238	10.763 10.763 14.443 15.492 15.492 15.492 15.514	8.613 8.613 11.557 12.400 12.400 12.400 12.411	2.34 2.07 1.95 1.99 2.05 3.03 3.10	3.16 3.12 3.13 3.21 3.95 4.54 4.44	4.4 4.4 4.4 4.4 4.7 4.9
May	. 125.2 . 125.2 . 125.2	2.815	2.241 2.240 2.239	15.492 15.492 15.492	12.400 12.400 12.400	3.17 3.17 3.16	4.51 4.54 4.48	(h) 4.8 4.9 4.9
August September October November December January February March	. 125.2 . 125.2 . 125.2 . 125.2 . 125.2 . 125.2 . 125.2 . 125.2 . 125.2	2.815 2.803 2.806 2.811 2.811 2.812 2.813 2.813 2.815	2.240 2.240 2.231 2.233 2.237 2.236 2.237 2.239 2.240 2.243	15.492 15.492 15.492 15.492 15.492 15.492 15.492 15.492 15.492	12.400 12.400 12.400 12.400 12.400 12.400 12.400 12.407 12.437	3.03 2.95 2.96 2.99 2.97 2.98 3.03 3.08 3.17 3.24	4.47 4.47 4.42 4.43 4.42 4.43 4.40 4.40 4.47 4.46	4.9 4.9 4.9 4.9 4.9 4.9 4.9 4.9 5.0
T	. 125.2		2.243 2.243	15.625 15.625	12.445 12.444	3.34 3.42	4.47 4.40	5.0 5.0
September October November December January February March	. 125.2 . 125.2 . 125.2 . 125.2 . 125.2 . 125.2 . 125.2 . 125.2 . 125.2	2.813 2.801 2.798 2.795 2.788 2.786 2.786 2.784 2.792	2.239 2.229 2.226 2.224 2.218 2.217 2.218	15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625 15.625	12.449 12.458 12.522 12.541 12.541 12.566 12.580 12.589 12.557 12.533	3.54 3.47 3.56 3.43 3.39 3.48 3.35 3.29 3.49 3.55	4.49 4.48 4.49 4.50 4.52 4.49 4.53 4.53	5.1 5.1 5.2 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.4 5.5 5.4

<sup>(</sup>a) Average of daily quotations. (b) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (c) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (d) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (e) Average of monthly quotations. (f) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (g) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (h) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

### INTEREST RATES.

(Per Cent. per Annum.)

		E: ID							
		Fixed D	eposits—		Over	drafts.	Common- wealth Savings	Treasury	Common- wealth
Date of Change in Rate.	months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.	Common- wealth Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.	Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate).	Bills (Discount Rate).	Loans (Long Term).
1937—27th April 30th November 1938—9th November 1940—24th January 1st March 28th May 1941—22nd Sept 1942—14th March 1943—1st May 1944—17th January 11th August 1st December 1946—20th November 1947—1st January 1949—1st May 1951—21st August 1952—29th July 25th November	2.00 2.00 2.00 1.75 1.75 1.50 1.50 1.25 1.25 1.00 0.50 0.50 0.50 0.50 0.50 0.50	2.50 2.50 2.50 2.25 2.25 2.00 1.75 1.50 1.50 0.75 0.75 0.75 0.75 0.75	2.75 2.75 2.75 2.50 2.50 2.25 2.00 1.75 1.75 1.50 1.25 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.50 1.50	3.00 3.00 3.00 2.75 2.75 2.50 2.25 2.00 2.00 1.75 1.75 (d)1.50 (d)1.50 (d)1.50 (d)1.50 (e)1.75 (e)1.75	4.25 4.25 4.25 4.25 4.25 4.25 4.25 4.25	5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 4.75 4.75 4.75 4.75 4.50 4.50 5.00 5.00	2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00	1.75 1.75 1.75 1.75 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.25 1.25 1.00 1.00 1.00 0.75 0.75 1.00	3.88 3.75 3.88 3.88 3.63 3.25 3.25 3.25 3.25 3.25 3.25 3.25 3.2

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank.

(b) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates between 1936 and 1940 were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. On 1st July, 1940, rates in excess of 5.25 per cent. were reduced by 0.25 per cent. and on 1st January, 1942, there was a further reduction of 0.125 per cent. (c) Since July, 1940, rate for Municipal and Semi-Government Authorities. 0.25 per cent. lower.

(d) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000.

# COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

Date.	Common- wealth.	States.	Total.	Date.	Common- wealth.	States.	Total.
30th June—		46,408	46,408	1953–54— 30th Nov	235,000	1.000	236,000
1938 .		46,598	46,598	31st Dec	245,000	1,000	246,000
1939 .		50,228	50,228	31st Jan	245,000	1,000	246,000
				28th Feb	250,000	1,000	251,000
1948			208,280	31st March	205,000	1,000	206,000
1949 .			123,280	30th April	185,000		185,000
1950 .			108,280	31st May	190,000		190,000
1951 .		2,400	110,680	30th June	190,000		190,000
1952 .			153,280	1954–55—	155 000		155,000
1953 .			225,000	31st July	155,000		155,000
1954 .	. 190,000		190,000	31st August	140,000 185,000		140,000 185,000
1952–53— .	220 000	6,041	236,041	30th Sept	200,000		200,000
31st May . 30th June .	225 000	1	225,000	30th Nov	195.000	• •	195,000
1953–54—	. 223,000		227,000	31st Dec	215,000	• •	215,000
31st July .	205,000	1,000	206,000	31st Jan	230,000		230,000
31st Aug	105,000	1,000	196,000	28th Feb.	225,000		225,000
30th Sept	205,000	1,000	206,000	31st March	220,000		220,000
31st Oct	. 190,000	1,000	191,000	30th April	210,000		210,000

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills. For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

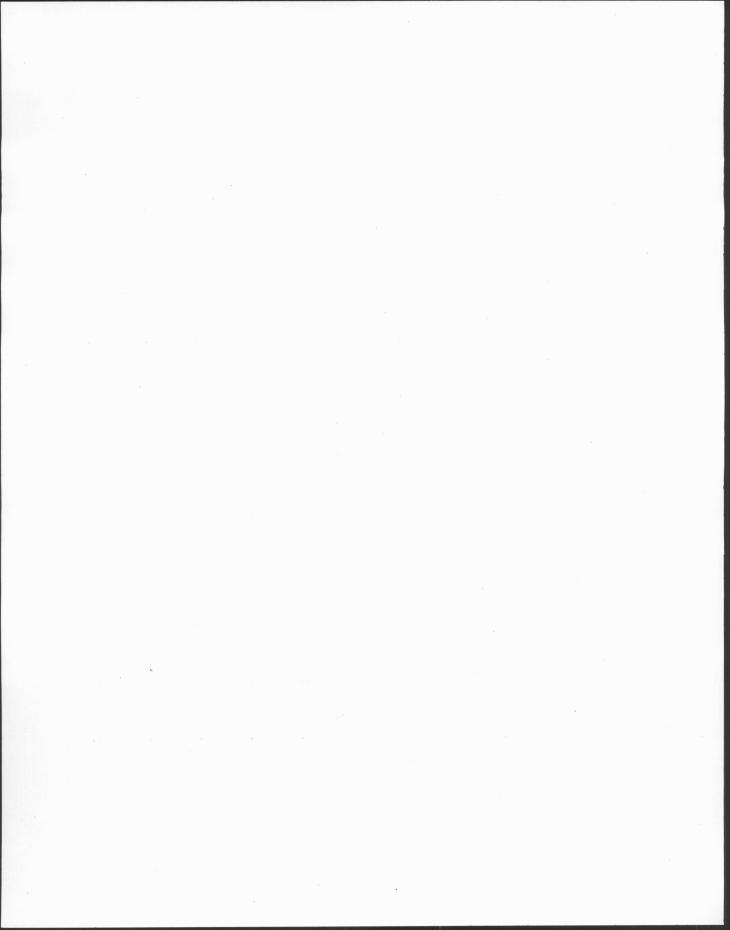
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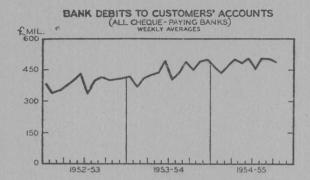
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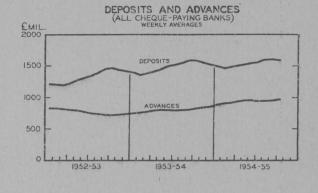
			(‡	million.)					
Period,	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six States.	Common- wealth.	Grand Total.(a)
			R	EVENUE.					
1936–37	49.2 53.6 51.1	27.2 27.6 27.0	16.5 17.3 19.3	11.7 12.5 12.3	10.2 10.8 11.0	3.5 3.6 3.6	118.3 125.4 124.3	82.8 89.5 95.1	191.1 204.8 209.6
1948–49	96.1 106.5 128.3 167.1 180.9 186.6 191.0	46.8 55.6 63.5 81.7 97.0 106.7 112.4	33.0 37.1 44.7 55.7 63.2 69.7 72.9	21.8 26.3 31.1 37.5 44.2 48.4 47.8	20.6 26.0 29.0 34.0 38.7 43.6 45.2	5.7 7.1 7.8 10.5 12.1 13.3 14.5	224.0 258.6 304.4 386.5 436.1 468.3 483.8	554.4 580.7 841.8 1,016.8 1,040.1 1,022.8 1,017.2	706.6 746.6 1,032.0 1,260.1 1,310.7 1,320.3 1,325.5
1952–53— July–Feb March April	113.4 127.2 144.5	52.8 60.4 69.8	38.1 43.4 49.8	26.8 30.4 34.6	23.1 26.5 30.3	6.9 8.0 9.1	261.1 295.9 338.1	582.3 663.7 777.6	751.5 856.2 991.5
1953–54— July–Feb	112.8 127.8 145.2	58.2 67.3 77.1	42.3 47.6 54.8	28.8 32.9 37.3	26.1 29.9 34.1	7.3 8.6 9.9	275.5 314.1 358.4	535.8 638.6 765.2	716.6 846.1 995.8
1954–55— July–Feb March April	118.9 127.8 152.3	65.7 74.5 84.9	45.5 51.3 58.7	29.2 33.4 37.6	28.5 32.1 36.0	8.0 9.5 10.8	295. <b>8</b> 328.6 380.2	555.2 648.1 783.9	753.7 867.5 1,032.8
			Ехр	ENDITURE.					
1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	49.2 53.5 53.6	27.2 27.6 27.8	16.8 17.6 19.3	11.6 12.4 12.7	10.6 10.8 11.2	3.4 3.6 3.6	118.8 125.5 128.2	81.5 86.0 94.4	190.3 201.4 212.8
1948–49	95.9 107.7 128.3 167.0 180.8 186.5 191.2	48.2 55.8 63.9 84.1 97.4 106.0 112.3	32.9 37.1 44.6 55.7 63.0 69.3 72.8	22.1 26.6 30.8 37.5 44.2 46.6 49.8	21.4 26.0 28.8 34.5 39.2 43.7 45.4	5.9 7.3 8.1 10.9 11.8 13.3 14.8	226.4 260.5 304.5 389.7 436.4 465.4 486.3	554.4 580.7 841.8 1,016.8 1,026.7 966.5 1,016.9	709.0 748.4 1,032.0 1,263.3 1,297.6 1,261.1 1,327.7
July-Feb March April	115.6 129.7 145.7	61.6 70.0 77.6	40.0 45.6 50.8	28.2 31.7 35.5	25.0 28.4 31.9	7.4 8.5 9.6	277.8 313.9 351.1	636.9 724.8 823.3	822.6 935.3 1,050.3
1953–54— July–Feb	115.3 131.0 147.6	63.9 73.3 82.5	43.2 49.4 54.9	29.1 33.5 37.5	28.3 31.9 35.6	8.0 9.5 10.6	287.8 328.6 368.7	570.5 656.9 753.8	763.6 879.0 994.7
1954–55— July–Feb March April	122.2 131.0 158.3	67.0 79.4 89.8	45.4 51.9 57.9	31.5 36.3 40.7	29.4 33.4 37.3	8.7 10.2 11.7	304.2 342.2 395.7	589.5 684.2 782.4	896.4 917.4 1,046.8

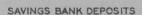
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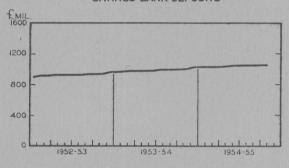
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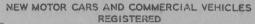


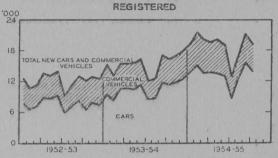




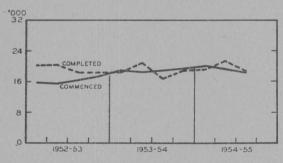




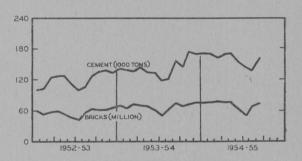




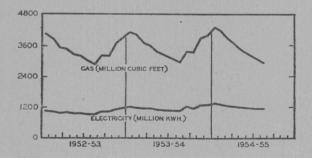
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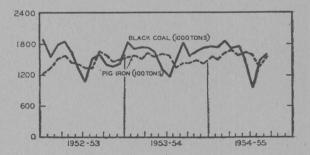
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